



Stand Up Event!

Take the time to bring people together for action and reflection, for the week of Global Action against Illegitimate Debt and IFIs. Below you find an easy guide to make a successful event.

A Sample Agenda for your event:

- A facilitator will present Jubilee USA facts, mission, and goals (5-10 minutes)
- A facilitator will conduct a workshop from one of our resources on responsible lending and borrowing, present a movie on global poverty, or engage in a dialogue (45 minutes – 1 hour)
- Afterwards a facilitator will lead the Stand Up Pledge at the bottom of this resource and encourage each participant to make two chains (10 minutes)
- Serve food!

The following steps and roles can help you organize your event.

Step 1: Choose a location and time and begin gathering the community

Plan the event for the week of action – October 8-15th – to connect with communities around the world taking action. Aim for having a diverse group of people present for the event.

For local area contacts, contact the Jubilee Office at 202-783-0214 or coord@jubileeusa.org.

Step 2: Designate a facilitator of the reflection

Choose someone who will be the main speaker to introduce the topics and facilitate the movie or workshop.

Afterwards they should invite the community eat food, engage in dialogue, and encourage each person to make two chains to link communities together, but with the intention of breaking the chains of injustice!

The person responsible for heading the event will be _____.

The person responsible for coordinating potluck, food and beverages for after activities will be _____.

The person responsible for coordinating the chain making will be _____.

Step 3: Getting the Word Out

Once you have everything in place for the event, you will need to spread the word so that people will be able to attend. There are several ways to advertise an interfaith event:

- Post printed fliers in neighborhoods and stores and on public bulletin and community email boards.
- Phone as many people as you can about the upcoming event and ask them to tell anyone they know who might be interested in attending. Remember to call a few weeks before the event and then again the week before!
- Be sure to contact Jubilee for a list of Jubilee supporters in your area and for help to be sure that your event is well attended.

The people responsible for contacting different communities will be:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Step 4: Petition

After the prayer and reflection and during the social gathering around food, a few people should be responsible for asking those gathered to sign on to the most current action and petition.

The following people will be responsible for collecting signatures before the prayers, during eating and chain making:

1. _____
2. _____

Step 5: Community Report Back

After the event, be sure to have at least one person responsible for following up with interested individuals and another individual to send the paper chains to the Jubilee Office. Plan to have a dinner and celebration with all who helped to plan the successful event to talk about what went well, what could have been better, and next steps in maintaining the new community relations.

The following person will be responsible for following up with interested individuals by phone/email: _____

The following person will be responsible for collecting and sending in the paper chains to the Jubilee Office: _____

The following person will be sure to help connect and organize a follow up meeting with all who helped organize the successful event: _____

Stand Up, Take Action Pledge

Leader: I ask you now to Stand Up with me against poverty and recite this pledge.

All: We stand now with millions around the world on this symbolic day to show our commitment to the fight against extreme poverty and inequality. We stand now because we refuse to accept more excuses in a world where 50,000 people die every day as a result of extreme poverty. We stand now because as people of faith we value the lives of all people. We stand now because we want our leaders to honor their promises to meet the Millennium Development Goals, and we ask them to exceed these goals.

As a Jubilee people, we are standing because we believe that debt cancellation and the creation of more just economic policies are essential to bringing an end to global poverty and renewal of right relationships between peoples.

Today and every day we will stand up and take action against poverty. We will continue to pray for those in poverty and for our world leaders. We will continue to work to fight against poverty and injustice throughout the world. We will continue to hold our leaders accountable to their promises.

We stand with millions of others around the world to say:

End poverty now!

Jubilee USA Network is part of the global Jubilee movement working towards the definitive cancellation of crushing debts to fight poverty and injustice in Asia, Africa and Latin America. As part of a coalition of 75 faith based, humanitarian, labor & citizen organizations, our movement advocates for solutions to the international debt crisis through public education, mobilization, strategic communication, research and policy analysis.