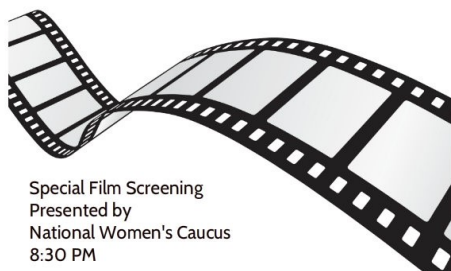


Evening Events

Thursday



Friday



Saturday



August 4-7, 2016

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10 Key Values

Grassroots Democracy

Social Justice and Equal Opportunity

Ecological Wisdom

Non-Violence

Decentralization

Community Based Economics

Feminism and Gender Equity

Respect for Diversity

Personal and Global Responsibility

Future Focus and Sustainability

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Workshop & Event Details

4:00-5:15 pm Workshop session #6

- The Role of Art in Revolution by Ruthi Engelke (Honors College in MD Anderson Library)
Artists and cultural workers play a crucial role in social change. Art tells truths, frames history, sets norms, reflects a current moment, and is a voice of We The People. As corporate control threatens our health, safety, sovereignty, and communities, it threatens our culture. The role of the artist in Revolution will be examined. Highlighted will be an exhibit of Houston artists and activists.
- Planning Your Next Four Months by the Coordinating Campaign Committee (Astrodome—Room 257)
This workshop is for candidates and their key staff/volunteers to help design a concrete action plan for the remainder of the election cycle. Candidates will walk away with a game plan for now until Election Day.
- The Green New Deal: What Is It and How Is It Working? by Howie Hawkins (Bayou City—Room 219)
This workshop will discuss and evaluate the "Green New Deal," which scores of U.S. Greens have campaigned for since 2010 to revive New Deal reforms that the Democrats have dropped — including public jobs for the unemployed, single-payer health care, progressive taxation, financial regulation, and fair labor laws — and to expand the reforms to address today's top crises of economic inequality (cooperatives and public enterprises that "predistribute" income fairly), climate (100% clean energy by 2030), and war and militarism (cuts to U.S. military spending and foreign wars).
- Better Group Decisions by Frank Atwood and Blake Huber (Midtown—Room 262)
Presentation on how group decisions can be made more effectively and with higher levels of satisfaction.



Welcome to Houston and the Green Party National Convention! We are so excited to have all of you here — over 300 of you from all across the country.

The Annual National Meeting Committee, in partnership with local Greens from Houston and Texas, have been working hard to bring you an exciting and inspirational program. We also hope you will make new friends and connections as well as learn some new skills to strengthen your own organizing and campaigning work in your local community. We hope you will use this event to “recharge your batteries,” and get inspired for the hard work ahead of us.

So, sit back and relax — no, stand up and get engaged — in the most authentic political convention this country has seen lately. Unlike the Cleveland and Philadelphia affairs, this convention is funded entirely by individuals — small dollar donors from across the country. There will be no corporate-sponsored special events or \$10,000 plate dinners, just good times and great people.

Sincerely,

Tamar Yager & Hillary Kane
ANMC Co-Chairs

p.s. Don't forget to make use of social media during the convention! Take selfies and show all your friends back home what you're up to! Use #GNCinHouston and #Green2016 along with GPUS hashtags #IAmGreen and #WeAreGreen.

Agenda-at-a-Glance

Thursday, August 4

1:30-3:00 pm	Workshop: session #1 (Student Center)
3:00-3:15 pm	Break
3:15-4:45 pm	Workshop session #2 (Student Center)
5:30-6:15 pm	Dinner (Moody)
6:30-8:30 pm	Opening Reception (Hall Ballroom 210)
8:30-10:30 pm	Film: <i>Iron Jawed Angels</i> (South Downtown 261)

Friday, August 5

8:00 am	Registration Opens (Multi-Purpose Room 237)
7:00-9:00 am	Breakfast (Moody)
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Platform Hearings (Half Ballroom 210)
	OR
9:15-10:15 am	Caucus & Committee Meetings (Student Ctr.)
10:15-10:30 am	Break
10:30-11:45 am	Workshop session #3 (Student Center)
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch (Moody)
1:00-5:00 pm	National Delegates Meeting (Half Ballroom)
	OR
1:00-2:15 pm	Workshop session #4
2:15-2:30 pm	Break
2:30-3:45 pm	Workshop session #5
3:45-4:00 pm	Break
4:00-5:15 pm	Workshop session #6
5:30-6:15 pm	Dinner (Moody)
6:30-8:00 pm	Panel & Film: Universal Health Care (Half Ballroom)
8:15-10:15 pm	GPUS Fundraiser & Talent Show (Half Ballroom)

Workshop & Event Details

- NationBuilder for State Parties (Midtown—Room 262)
An open discussion for anyone currently using NationBuilder or thinking about using it. Representatives from Pennsylvania and Texas will discuss their experiences.
- Latinx Issues by Andrea Merida and other members of the Latinx Caucus (Skyline—Room 223)
Organizing opportunities with the Latinx community

2:30-3:45 pm Workshop session #5

- The State of Black America by Ashely "Flashe" Gordon (Astrodome—Room 257)
Panel discussion to highlight issues affecting Americans of the Black Diaspora and how the GP can lead a national campaign to highlight these social issues.
- Media for Women Candidates by Ann Link and GPUS Media Committee (Bayou City—Room 219)
This workshop will assist Green women running for office, and those involved with their campaigns, with attracting media attention, working with the media, etc.
- Building the Revolution with Social Media by Dave Schwab, Jill Stein for President Communications Director (Midtown—Room 262)
Social media is quickly revolutionizing politics and organizing. Learn how you can use social media to build the revolution and win.
- Organizing in Frontline Communities by Cheri Honkala and Darlene Elias (Skyline - Room 223)
Longtime community activists Darlene Elias & Cheri Honkala will present some of the elements needed to have good and effective community organizing. Examples will be drawn from work around housing, poverty, education, Black Lives Matter and more. Discussion will also include their roles as activists working within the Green Party.

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- Working with the National Electoral Strategy by the Coordinated Campaign Committee (Bayou City - Room 219)
Come learn about the implementation of the first GPUS National Electoral Strategy. The workshop will discuss the four featured issues (water, voting rights, racial justice, and demilitarized foreign policy) and how candidates can contribute to, and gain from, the strategy.
- Replace the US Constitution by Alfred Molison (Skyline - Room 223)
Did William Lloyd Garrison have the right idea? The US Constitution was pretty good, until it was turned against us. Let's reify the ideals hinted at in the Constitution in ways that are open and democratic this time. If Venezuelans can do it, we can too!

1:00-2:15 pm Workshop session #4

- The Next System: Changing the Rules of the Game by Dana Brown (Astrodome—Room 257)
This participatory workshop will introduce attendees to basic concepts in systems theory/thinking, exploring its implications for those of us who want to see transformative change in the US's political-economic landscape. We will look at how economic, legal, political, socio-cultural and ecological systems all interact and what deep transitions might be necessary to cement lasting change in the US.
- U.S. Green Party/Global Greens by Keli Yen (Bayou City—Room 219)
The Workshop delves into the relationship between the U.S. Green Party/International Committee on the one hand and the Global Greens on the other. It considers the strong and the weak points of the relationship and how that may be improved in order to realize the full potential of the relationship; included is a brief précis of the 4th Global Greens Congress to be held next March in Liverpool.

Agenda-at-a-Glance

Saturday, August 6

7:00-9:00 am

8:30 am

9:00 am

Breakfast (Moody)

Doors Open to Convention Hall

Morning Program:

- Welcome & Opening
- Credentialing
- Speeches from Presidential candidates & others
- Platform Approval

12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch (Moody)

1:00 pm

1:30 pm

Doors Open

Afternoon Program:

- Various featured speakers including Dr. Cornel West and YahNé Ndgo
- Roll Call of States and Nomination
- Introduction of Vice Presidential Candidate
- Presidential Candidate Acceptance Speech

Program ends

4:00 pm

5:30-6:15 pm

7:00-10:00 pm

Dinner (Moody)

Party for the Revolution (Ballroom)

Sunday, July 26

7:00-9:00 am

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Breakfast (Moody)

Closing Session & Campaign Planning (Half Ballroom and breakout rooms)

Workshop & Event Details

Thursday, August 4

1:30-3:00 pm Workshop session #1

- Abolish Corporate Constitutional Rights by David Cobb (Downtown - Room 261)
An introduction of Move To Amend, a concrete campaign for a constitutional amendment to abolish corporate constitutional rights and money as speech. The focus will be on how Greens can grow the party while working on this campaign.
- Constitution's Voting Rights Apportionment Formula by Asa Gordon (Midtown - Room 262)
The Constitution's malapportionment penalty clause establishes a de jure apportionment formula that mandates proportional representational redress for de facto partisan abridgment of voting rights.
- Recruiting Single Women to the Green Party by Brandy Baker (Impact - Room 113)
The Democratic Party has done over a decade of extensive research on unmarried women and their potential as a voter base. I wish to discuss this and see how the Green Party can use this research to reach this very economically impoverished, but left-leaning demographic.
- Confronting Oppressive Behaviors Series - Racism and Sexism by Remington Alessi (Third Ward - Room 212)
An uncomfortable journey in learning to unpack the behaviors within ourselves that can create oppressive environments, focusing on racism and sexism.

3:15-4:45 pm Workshop session #2

- Getting out of the fossil fuel trap: possibilities and costs by George Reiter (Downtown - Room 261)
A comparison of the promise and costs of powering the entire planet by earth-based renewable energy or lunar solar power.
- Storefront Socialism by Christopher Casey (Impact - Room 113)
An exploration of a base-building strategy to complement the Green Party's electoral focus. It involves creating storefront centers that can operate as everything from food banking co-ops to alternative energy enterprises.

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- Running for Office 101 by the Coordinated Campaign Committee (Midtown - Room 262)
A broad overview of the various aspects of running for political office, particularly as a Green Party candidate. We will cover topics such as building a campaign committee, fundraising, media, volunteer management, ballot access, and Get Out The Vote.
- Confronting Oppressive Behaviors Series - Ageism and Ableism by Katija Gruene (Third Ward - Room 212)
An uncomfortable journey in learning to unpack the behaviors within ourselves that can create oppressive environments, focusing on ageism and ableism.

Friday, August 5

9:15-10:15 am Caucus & Committee Meetings

- First come, first served
- Sign-up in the Multi-Purpose Room
- Available Rooms: 262, 257, 219, and 223

10:30-11:45 am Workshop session #3

- Green Money Power and The Populist Agenda by Howard Switzer (Astrodome—Room 257)
An exposure of how the existing system works, its history and global physical and psychological consequences, and the how the Green economic transition would change this.
- Why the Green Party Must Become A Membership Financed and Led Party Before it Can Become A Mass Party by Howie Hawkins and Bruce Dixon (Midtown—Room 262)
What if the Green Party -- or local and state Green parties -- rejected the elite-dependent organizational models of the Democrats and Republicans and democratized itself as a mass-membership party with a mass base of dues-paying members organized at the grassroots with the support of paid staff? This workshop will explore how we can meet the organizational, legal, and political challenges to building the Greens into a mass-membership party that can really compete for power with the top-down parties of the professional/managerial class and the corporate elite.