

## **May Day Triangle 2013 Invitation and Call to Action**

On May 1st 2013 let's raise a people's agenda – working people, unemployed people, people of color, immigrants, students, LGBTQ people, women, young and old, everybody all together now. We are facing urgent political and economic crises. Our struggles feel isolated, but we're not alone. Let's unite to make our voices heard to the powers that be in Raleigh.

Join us on **Wednesday, May 1, 3-8 p.m. in downtown Raleigh** as we rally for:

- **Good jobs and living wages for all**
- **The right to join a union, the right to organize for all workers, and the right to collective bargaining**
- **Justice for immigrants, including an immediate end to deportation and detention, granting permanent residency that leads to citizenship for all, taking local police and sheriffs out of immigration enforcement, and humane immigration policies that include all families and all workers**
- **An end to police brutality, mass incarceration of communities of color, and all forms of oppression and discrimination**
- **A people's budget that includes full funding for public sector jobs and services, healthcare, public education, and the essential needs of our state. Make the corporations and the wealthiest few pay their fair share to end cuts on the backs of poor and working people!**
- **Fair pay and an end to workplace discrimination for women and LGBTQ people**

May Day originated in Chicago after the 1886 Haymarket Massacre, in which police fired on workers during a general strike for the eight-hour workday. Now it's celebrated around the world as International Workers' Day.

On May 1, 2006, in the largest single day protest in the history of the United States, massive migrant marches re-ignited May Day as a day of resistance, a near-lost tradition in the US. May Day is important this year as a day of action for economic justice, workers' rights and against state repression and racism.

Last year, we brought the May Day energy to Durham, NC when 250 people gathered in People's Plaza to rally and march in support of the rights of all workers! This year, we will bring an even larger mobilization to Raleigh.

Corporate-owned politicians have taken over the NC General Assembly and want to privatize and cut back many public jobs and services such as Medicaid, Unemployment, public

education, and much more. Right-to-work (for less) laws are getting passed in states around the country, and potentially enshrined in NC Constitution. Police violence on the poor and people of color along with raids and deportation of immigrants are increasing as the capitalist economic crisis deepens. May Day 2013 is an opportunity for us to cultivate a broad and potent coalition of labor, communities, organizations, and others seeking to build a different North Carolina and a different world. We believe that it can be not only a moment to demonstrate our discontent, but to begin to think together toward building self-determination for and from our communities.