

## **CALL TO PEOPLE OF COLOUR: JOIN THE PEOPLE'S SOCIAL FORUM**

We invite all racialized peoples to participate in the Peoples Social Forum (PSF) planning process. One way to get involved with the PSF is by joining the POC caucus, which will culminate into a significant presence at the PSF in Ottawa from August 21-24, 2014. We gather in solidarity as diverse communities and as racialized peoples to ensure that the unique realities and analysis of POC's are represented within and beyond the PSF.

### **THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO:**

>> To gather in order to develop and strengthen collective movements and analysis around the disproportionate struggles that POC communities face. Including, but not limited to, criminalization by the state; POC's constructed as illegals; labour exploitation; environmental racism; impoverishment; disproportionate rates of incarceration; and countless other forms of systemic oppression. By rallying our voices we hope that we are able to highlight how these systems of oppression maintains the power of the Canadian settler state and reaffirm a colonial agenda globally.

>> Share tactics and strategies to build a meaningful PoC movement and connect with PoC led organizations from across the turtle island

>> Continue PoC solidarity work within our diverse communities and in to be solidarity with Originals peoples in efforts to decolonize the Canadian settler state and to resist the ongoing state violence directed at the Originals Peoples of Turtle Island.

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# **PEOPLE'S SOCIAL FORUM 2014**



## **AN INVITATION TO PEOPLE OF COLOUR**

Join us in Ottawa!  
Let's make our voices heard!  
August 21-24, 2014!

## WE ARE AT A CROSSROADS.

Overt racist violence increases across these lands. The beating of PJ Makuto an African youth at a York Region School, the flyers in Brampton or the name-calling against PK Subban are just the most recent examples of racism. The structural policy of discrimination through calls for mass exclusion of migrant workers and incarceration of migrants, indigenous peoples and peoples of colour similarly continues.

It is imperative that our work in the months leading up, during and after the People's Social Forum centre the voices of racialized communities, particularly working class and poor, women, disabled people and queer and trans racialized voices. We are writing from the Peoples of Colour Caucus of the People's Social Forum to encourage you to reach out and ensure the participation of such voices.

Please write to us if you have question or concerns and feel free to connect people of colour who are coming to the Peoples Social Forum with us.

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## PEOPLE OF COLOUR SPACE!

Throughout the 4 days of the forum the PoC caucus will be hosting a PoC space on campus in which people of colour can meet, network, and have discussions related to our struggles and movements. This space will also be the venue for a number of workshops and presentations on anti-racist organizing, migrant justice, PoC-Indigenous alliance building, and more.

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE!

**ONE:** Join the PSF PoC caucus (that's us!) and contribute to ongoing planning and discussions around the PSF and creation of a PoC space that meets throughout the social forum. Email us: [poc.psf@gmail.com](mailto:poc.psf@gmail.com)

**TWO:** Propose and facilitate workshops and movement assemblies that connect PoC struggles with the PSF themes. Visit: [peoplesocialforum.org/host-a-workshop](http://peoplesocialforum.org/host-a-workshop)

**THREE:** Start a PoC committee within your regional PSFs in cities across Canada! Visit: [peoplesocialforum.org/contact](http://peoplesocialforum.org/contact)

**FOUR:** Come to Ottawa on August 21st-24th!  
Get more info at: [www.peoplesocialforum.org](http://www.peoplesocialforum.org)

Contact the Peoples of Color caucus if you need educational materials or others supports with mobilizing PoC communities in your region/city.