

Jaywalk One-Day Activist Conference

Called by Jaywalk. Organized by activists, for activists — across the globe.

This one-day international conference is convened by **Jaywalk**, an app built to help activists find one another, organize across borders, and build collective power. It brings together organizers, campaigners, community members, and first-time activists from across the world to deepen political understanding, sharpen strategy, and strengthen global solidarity.

Imperialism, capitalism, colonialism, climate collapse, fascism, and repression are not isolated problems — they are interconnected global systems. This conference is grounded in the belief that liberation cannot be won in isolation, and that movements must learn from one another, organize together, and confront shared enemies collectively.

This is not an academic or NGO-led space. It is a movement space rooted in lived struggle, internationalism, and the urgency of collective liberation.

1. Starting Activism: Organizing When It's Your First Time

Format: Open workshop / discussion

Expanded Description:

This session is designed for people who feel the urgency of the current moment but are unsure how to begin organizing. It breaks down what activism actually looks like beyond social media, one-off protests, or feeling overwhelmed by the scale of injustice. Participants will explore how movements are built, how people find their political home, and how to begin contributing in meaningful, sustainable ways.

The session will cover basic organizing concepts such as collective action, accountability, political education, and the difference between individual expression and movement-building. It will also introduce practical ways to connect with others locally and internationally, including how tools like Jaywalk can help activists find one another across borders and causes. The emphasis is on removing fear, perfectionism, and gatekeeping — and affirming that activism is something ordinary people build together.

2. From Daily Life to Liberation: Resistance in Our Everyday Actions

Format: Facilitated discussion

Expanded Description:

Liberation is not only built during mass uprisings or historic moments — it is also shaped through everyday choices, relationships, and forms of resistance. This session examines how capitalism and imperialism structure daily life: work, housing, time, consumption, care, and survival. Participants will reflect on how these systems discipline us — and how they can be disrupted.

The session explores mutual aid, community care, political education, refusal, and building alternatives that weaken oppressive systems while strengthening collective resilience. It is not about individual lifestyle purity, but about aligning daily practices with collective liberation and building cultures of resistance that sustain movements long-term.

3. Understanding Imperialism Today: How Global Power Operates

Format: Panel + Q&A

Expanded Description:

This session provides a clear and accessible framework for understanding imperialism as a living global system. Participants will examine how military power, sanctions, debt, trade agreements, corporate extraction, media narratives, and international institutions work together to dominate the Global South.

Using concrete examples from Palestine, Congo, Sudan, Venezuela, and other regions, the session shows how wars, displacement, poverty, and repression are connected — not accidental. It equips participants with political clarity to recognize imperialism in practice and understand why international solidarity is not optional, but essential to liberation.

4. Capitalism as an Enemy of Liberation

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session challenges the idea that capitalism is neutral, inevitable, or compatible with justice. Participants will explore how capitalism relies on exploitation, racial hierarchy, colonial violence, and environmental destruction to survive. The session connects labor exploitation, housing crises, climate collapse, imperial war, and global inequality to a single profit-driven system.

Rather than abstract theory, the discussion focuses on how capitalism shapes everyday suffering across the world, and why reforms alone cannot resolve its harms. Participants will be invited to think critically about alternative economic visions rooted in collective care, shared power, and human need rather than profit.

5. Why Billionaires Are Our Enemy: Wealth, Power & Exploitation

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session examines billionaires as a class, not as individual personalities. It explores how extreme wealth accumulation is made possible through exploitation, privatization, colonial extraction, tax avoidance, political lobbying, and corporate capture of governments.

Participants will examine how billionaires influence climate policy, war economies, media narratives, labor conditions, and repression — and why philanthropy cannot undo systemic harm. The session emphasizes that liberation requires confronting wealth hoarding and corporate power directly, rather than celebrating billionaire “good intentions.”

6. Race, Class & Capitalism: Why Capitalism Needs Racism

Format: Panel + facilitated discussion

Expanded Description:

This session examines the deep and deliberate relationship between capitalism and racism. Participants will explore why racism is not an accidental flaw in the system, but a core tool that capitalism relies on to survive. The session traces how racial hierarchies were constructed through slavery, colonialism, and imperialism to justify exploitation, extract labor, and divide working people against one another.

The discussion will explore how racism is used to suppress wages, criminalize poverty, justify borders, enable state violence, and redirect anger away from ruling classes and toward marginalized communities. Participants will examine how race and class operate together — not separately — and why anti-racist struggle must also be anti-capitalist. The session emphasizes solidarity across race and class lines as essential to building movements capable of dismantling capitalism and achieving collective liberation.

7. All Our Struggles Are Connected: Building Global Solidarity

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session explores why struggles across the world echo one another — from Palestine to Congo, from queer liberation to climate justice. Participants will examine how imperialism, capitalism, racism, patriarchy, and borders produce shared conditions of oppression, even when they appear differently in different places.

The session emphasizes internationalism as a political commitment, not a slogan. It focuses on coalition-building, resisting divide-and-conquer tactics, and understanding solidarity as something that requires action, risk, and consistency — not just symbolic support.

8. The Health of the World: Climate Crisis, Extraction & Resistance

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session focuses on the state of the planet under capitalism and imperialism. Participants will explore how climate change, environmental collapse, and biodiversity loss are driven by fossil fuel corporations, extractive industries, militarism, and endless growth models.

The session centers frontline communities, Indigenous resistance, and Global South leadership, while confronting greenwashing and false solutions promoted by corporations and governments. Climate justice is framed as inseparable from anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist struggle.

9. Tactical Organizing: How Movements Build Power

Format: Workshop

Expanded Description:

This practical session focuses on how organizing actually works beyond spontaneous mobilization. Participants will learn the difference between mobilizing and organizing, how power is built over time, how campaigns are planned, and how movements identify targets, demands, and strategies.

The session also addresses repression, burnout, internal conflict, and sustainability, emphasizing discipline, political clarity, and collective leadership. It is designed to equip activists with tools they can take back to their communities.

10. Why We Keep Protesting: Palestine, Resistance & Global Solidarity

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session centers Palestine as a defining global struggle against settler colonialism, apartheid, and genocide. Participants will explore why protests continue worldwide, how mass mobilization has historically shifted political realities, and why silence enables violence.

The session examines boycotts, student movements, labor actions, and street protests as tools of pressure, emphasizing that global solidarity with Palestine is not symbolic — it materially shapes political outcomes.

11. The Future of Palestine: Liberation, Return & Self-Determination

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

Beyond ceasefires and humanitarian framing, this session focuses on Palestinian visions for liberation. Participants will engage with concepts of decolonization, the right of return, self-determination, and justice beyond occupation.

The session centers Palestinian political imagination and future-building, emphasizing that liberation is not only about ending violence, but about reclaiming land, dignity, history, and collective futures.

12. Sudan: Understanding the Crisis, Supporting the Resistance

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session unpacks the roots of Sudan's ongoing crisis, including military rule, counter-revolution, foreign interference, and economic exploitation. It highlights Sudanese resistance committees, grassroots organizing, and popular demands that are often erased by international media.

Participants will learn how international solidarity can support Sudanese-led movements without reproducing imperial narratives or saviorism.

13. Congo: The Ongoing War the World Ignores

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session focuses on the Democratic Republic of Congo and the ongoing violence driven by imperialism and resource extraction. Participants will learn how minerals essential to global technology fuel war, displacement, and exploitation.

The session challenges global silence, connects consumer economies to Congolese suffering, and centers Congolese resistance and demands for sovereignty and justice.

14. Venezuela Today: Sanctions, Sovereignty & Imperial Pressure

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session examines Venezuela through an anti-imperialist lens. Participants will explore economic sanctions, political destabilization, media manipulation, and the human cost of economic warfare.

The session emphasizes sovereignty, self-determination, and why international solidarity must reject propaganda while remaining grounded in material realities.

15. Kashmir: History, Occupation & the Struggle for Liberation

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session provides a grounded introduction to the struggle for a liberated Kashmir. Participants will learn about partition, militarization, surveillance, repression, and resistance.

The session centers Kashmiri voices and explores how international solidarity and political pressure can support self-determination and challenge occupation.

16. Global Politics & Tactical Voting Under Broken Systems

Format: Panel + facilitated discussion

Expanded Description:

This session critically examines electoral politics under restrictive and unequal systems. Using examples such as the U.S. two-party system and Britain's political landscape amid the rise of reactionary forces like Reform, participants will discuss tactical voting, harm reduction, and the limits of electoralism.

The session emphasizes that while voting may be a tactic, liberation is won through organized movements — not ballots alone.

17. Fighting Fascism: Understanding, Identifying & Resisting the Far Right

Format: Workshop

Expanded Description:

This session explores fascism as a political process rather than a historical relic. Participants will learn how fascism grows during crisis, how dog whistles and coded language normalize violence, and how scapegoating operates.

The session focuses on identifying early warning signs and building organized resistance before fascism consolidates power.

18. Africa Under Imperialism: A Continent Exploited

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session examines the historical and ongoing oppression of Africa as a continent. Participants will explore colonialism, slavery, artificial borders, debt, structural adjustment, military intervention, and corporate extraction.

The session names responsibility clearly — European empires, multinational corporations, financial institutions, and imperial states — while centering pan-African resistance and visions for continental liberation.

19. The Middle East Under Siege: Imperialism, War & Resistance

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session focuses on the systematic oppression of the Middle East and North Africa. Participants will examine colonial borders, oil politics, sanctions, proxy wars, and occupation.

The session centers popular resistance, uprisings, and demands for self-determination across the region while naming imperial responsibility.

20. Hunger Strikes for Palestine: Resistance, Sacrifice & Political Pressure

Format: Closed discussion

Expanded Description:

This session focuses on the hunger strikers in the UK currently taking action for Palestine. It situates hunger strikes within a long history of resistance, examining why activists turn their bodies into sites of protest and how states respond.

The session emphasizes solidarity, care, responsibility, and supporting hunger strikers without romanticizing harm. Due to the sensitive nature of the topic, this session is intended as a closed, respectful discussion.

21. The Global Crackdown on Protest: Power, Fear & Repression

Format: Panel

Expanded Description:

This session examines the worldwide crackdown on protest — from Palestine solidarity movements to climate and labor struggles. Participants will explore who is responsible for repression, how surveillance and policing operate globally, and why protest is increasingly criminalized.

Central to the session is the understanding that repression happens because protest works — because mass movements threaten legitimacy, profit, and control.

22. Who Are Our Enemies — and How Do We Win?

Format: Plenary

Expanded Description:

This closing plenary brings the conference together to name shared enemies and clarify collective strategy. Participants will synthesize lessons from across the day to identify how imperialism, capitalism, racism, patriarchy, borders, and state violence function together as systems of control. Rather than offering false optimism, the session focuses on what winning actually requires: long-term organizing, political discipline, international coordination, and sustained solidarity. The session emphasizes that liberation is a process, not an event, and that movements win when they are organized, principled, and collective.

23. Feminism, Class Struggle & Anti-Racism: Building a Liberation Feminism

Format: Panel + facilitated discussion

Expanded Description:

This session explores feminism as a liberation struggle that must confront capitalism and racism to be meaningful. Participants will examine how mainstream and corporate feminism often centers elite, Western, and professional-class women while leaving working-class women, women of color, migrant women, queer and trans people, and women in the Global South behind.

The session traces the history of socialist, anti-imperialist, and Black feminist traditions that understand patriarchy as inseparable from class exploitation and racial oppression. Participants will discuss how capitalism relies on gendered and racialized labor, including unpaid care work, domestic labor, and precarious employment, and how feminism must challenge these material conditions rather than focus only on representation.

The discussion will also address tensions within feminist movements, including how racism, Islamophobia, transphobia, and carceral approaches have been justified in the name of women's rights. The session emphasizes building a feminism rooted in solidarity, collective care, and internationalism—one that actively aligns with anti-racist and working-class struggles as part of a shared fight for liberation.

24. Trans Liberation: Resisting Erasure, Violence & Political Scapegoating

Format: Panel + closed facilitated discussion

Expanded Description:

This session centers trans liberation as an essential part of any genuine movement for freedom. Participants will examine how trans people—particularly trans women, non-binary people, and trans people of color—are systematically targeted through state violence, media hysteria, moral panics, and exclusionary laws across the globe.

The session situates trans oppression within broader systems of power, exploring how capitalism, patriarchy, colonial gender norms, and fascist politics rely on rigid binaries and social control. Participants will discuss how trans communities are scapegoated during moments of crisis to distract from economic inequality, political failure, and imperial violence.

Alongside analysis, the session will focus on resistance: trans-led organizing, mutual aid, community care, and international solidarity. The closed discussion component is designed to create a safer space—particularly for trans and gender-diverse participants—to share experiences, strategies, and visions for liberation without surveillance or spectacle. The session emphasizes that trans liberation is not a niche issue, but a measure of whether a movement truly believes in collective freedom for all.

25. Unions, Class Power & International Solidarity

Format: Panel + workshop

Expanded Description:

This session focuses on the role of unions and organized labor in building collective power against capitalism, exploitation, and state violence. Participants will explore why unions remain one of the most powerful tools working people have, and why they are consistently weakened, restricted, or attacked by governments and corporations.

The session examines how to stay steadfast within unions—especially during moments of backlash, repression, or internal division—and how to push unions to be more militant, democratic, and accountable to their members. Participants will discuss strike action, workplace organizing, mutual aid, and international labor solidarity as strategies for real leverage.

A central focus will be union solidarity with oppressed peoples globally: how workers can support liberation struggles such as Palestine, Sudan, Congo, climate justice, migrant rights, and anti-fascist organizing. The session emphasizes that labor struggles and liberation struggles are inseparable, and that unions must move beyond narrow economic demands to become engines of international solidarity and collective liberation.

26. Closing Plenary: Steadfast Solidarity, Collective Liberation & Call to Action

Format: Closing plenary

Expanded Description:

This final session is a grounding and mobilizing close to the conference. It brings participants together to reaffirm commitment, courage, and continuity in struggle beyond a single day. The session emphasizes steadfast activism—staying engaged when movements are attacked, when repression intensifies, and when victories feel slow or distant.

Participants will reflect on how all struggles discussed throughout the conference are connected, rooted in shared systems of exploitation and control. The session makes explicit who our enemies are: billionaires and ruling elites, capitalism as a system that profits from exploitation and division, and governments that prioritize profit, militarism, and corporate power over human life and dignity.

This closing plenary will include collective call-outs to ongoing struggles, honoring those on the frontlines, and naming responsibilities participants carry forward in their local contexts. Rather than offering abstract hope, the session focuses on discipline, solidarity, and action—encouraging participants to remain organized, principled, and internationally connected through Jaywalk and beyond. The conference closes by reaffirming that liberation is collective, international, and possible only through sustained resistance.