

Beyond the Incarceration State: Justice for Youth, Immigrants and all in Washington

Tuesday, March 7 at 6pm at UW [HUB Room requested]

~ We will distribute copies of the new Hunger Striker Handbook at the event! ~

In this panel, activists will reflect on the commonalities between youth and immigrants held in state detention, and what they are doing to end policies that put people behind bars.



Graphic by Andrea Marcos for NWDC Resistance

On Friday, March 7, 2014, approximately 1200 immigrants held at the Northwest Detention Center began refusing meals. The hunger strike continued for 56 days, and two more hunger strikes were organized that same year with strikers demanding improved detention conditions and an end to deportations. The Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) in Tacoma, WA is one of the largest immigration prisons in the country, with a capacity to hold over 1500 people. On the third anniversary of the NWDC hunger strike, we reflect on their achievements and discuss the immigrant justice agenda. In particular, activists will speak to the common struggles for against building state policing infrastructure in Washington, including #BlocktheBunker and #NoNewYouthJail. Speakers will address the prison industrial complex, the relationship between racism and xenophobia, and abolition visions of life without cages.

The Northwest Detention Center Resistance (NWDCR) will also launch the Hunger Strikers' Handbook at the NWDC in Tacoma on Saturday, March 11 at 1pm.