



LIVING WAGE NOW!

What YOU can do to support fair and living wages on your campus during the National Student Labor Week of Action (March 27- April 4, 2006)!

Around the country young activists, working in solidarity with and under the direction of campus workers, are demanding that our colleges and universities pay dignified and just wages to those who make it possible for the institutions to function. Every year, millions of dollars are pumped into our

universities through our tuition dollars, private donations and corporate sponsorships. These massive sums not only translate into the beautiful facilities and high-tech resources that we are able to enjoy on our campuses, but also into top-rate salaries for our deans, chancellors, presidents and administrators. However, while high ranking administrators may make well over \$500,000 a year, very often service workers on our campuses make only minimum wage or slightly higher, generally earning less than \$20,000 to support a family of four. We, as the students whose tuition dollars fund the university operation and for whom the university exists, refuse to allow workers on our campuses to earn poverty wages.

No one working full time should live in poverty! Demand a living wage for all campus workers now!

TAKE ACTION!

If you are beginning a living wage campaign on campus...

1. Talk to Workers!!! Only workers on your campus can tell you what they need. (for suggestions on how to begin, go to www.livingwageaction.org)
2. Is there a union on your campus? If there is, find out when their meetings are, and ask if you can sit in. Explain that your group would like to work with the union in order to address worker's concerns on your campus.
3. Contact us! LWAC is committed to being a resource for campus living wage campaigns - it's why we exist! Call or e-mail us with questions with on student/worker solidarity, media advice, working with unions, or other campaign-related questions. LWAC is also available to do weekend-long organizing and strategy meetings on your campus.

If there is already a living wage campaign on your campus:

1. Hold a public rally on your campus with workers, students, and supportive religious, labor, and community leaders as speakers.
2. Escalation: Confront those with the power to make change on your campus with your demands. Get a firm answer - Will they meet your demands or not? Don't be sucked into a months- or years-long committee process!



3. Direct Action Gets Satisfaction!

If your administrators have made it clear that they will not negotiate or refuse to take your demands seriously, you may decide to go the way of Harvard, Georgetown, and Washington University (to name a few) and carry out a major direct action in order to win your campaign.

If so, please contact United Students Against Sweatshops

(www.studentsagainstsweatshops.org), the Student Labor Action Project

(www.studentlabor.org) or the Living Wage Action Coalition (www.livingwageaction.org)

for support. There are many excellent

resources available, and we can help point you in the right direction and offer experience and advice as you plan your action.

The Living Wage Action Coalition is a collective of students and recent grads from campuses across the country that share experiences from their living wage and student-worker solidarity campaigns with new and existing campus campaigns in order to expand, strengthen and strategize around the National Living Wage Movement.

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