

## WAR ON WHITE RACISM

### Goals:

- To educate white people about systemic and historic racism in the hopes of debunking the myth that racism is a problem of the past.
- To educate white people about their own white privilege and racism in order to discredit the common white liberal idea of “color blindness”.
- To agitate and organize white people in order to confront white privilege and racism head on and to develop a passionate and strong anti-racist ally movement among whites in Syracuse.
- To lend support in concrete ways to anti-racist movements led by people of color both at home, in Syracuse, and abroad, where and when requested. (NOON seems to do this now.)
- To highlight the racism in past and current progressive movements.
- To explore “ways of being” and identities that present alternatives to compliance with and acceptance of white racism in our everyday lives.
- To become an example to other organizations and to give support and criticism to white-led organizations in Syracuse struggling to accomplish their goals due to unseen white privilege and racism within the organization. (Think direct-service organizations and paternalistic community “development” organizations run by whites in Syracuse.)
- To help the Syracuse Peace Council continue to incorporate anti-racism into their criticisms, publications, and programs and to ensure that the SPC continues to take steps towards true accountability to people of color and movements led by people of color.
- To ensure that this work can be ongoing through the formation of an anti-racism working group/committee either directly or indirectly linked to the SPC and finding committed white people who would like to join.

### Possible Activities/Actions (to be carried out by the working group in conjunction with SPC):

- Handing out “Cartes Blanches”, informative business-type cards listing white privileges, in public areas. This has already been done on Syracuse University’s campus with some success.
- Finding people to write white privilege and racism-themed articles in the Syracuse Peace Newsletter to follow up on “Burning the Carte Blanche: White Privilege and Racism” from the May 2005 issue.
- Holding more racism/white privilege trainings in Syracuse like the one put on by the SPC in winter 2005. Possibly fundraising to bring Ewuare Osayande from POWER (People Organized Working to Eradicate Racism) or any number of other trainers from organizations like the People’s Institute.
- Establishing an accessible White privilege/racism reading and discussion group in order to move white people from analysis to action.
- Developing accessible white privilege/racism and anti-racist resources for the Peace Council/to be distributed throughout Syracuse.

### Timeline:

- Ideally, this work would become an ongoing component of both the Syracuse Peace Council’s activities and the Syracuse left movement at large.

### Resources:

- Computer with internet access, email, a listserv
- Books
- People
- Peace Newsletter
- Money (through fundraising)
- Trainings

**Would you want to work on this project if it were to be taken on by the SPC? – Of course!**