

The Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center (CIWC) believes everyone has the right to safe and secure employment that pays a living wage; and that treats workers with justice and dignity. We ask you to join us in an educational and organizing effort toward making that belief a reality for thousands of immigrant, day labor and low wage workers in our community.

People interested in economic justice issues, but not yet able to find a way to get involved in meaningful social activism, are turning to the national Worker Centers' movement to express their commitment to human and civil rights. In Cincinnati some of CICW volunteers:

- Reach out to workers to hear their grievances and develop strategies to eliminate abuses by helping to organize workplace committees, holding forums on workers rights, engaging abusive companies and contractors, initiating legal proceedings and regulatory agencies.

- Identify locations for the need for educational materials in the community and distribute them. Seek help in printing materials.

- Are developing a web site and an electronic newsletter; and are exploring the possibility of a print version.

- Operate a Speakers Bureau by recruiting workers to tell their stories and seeking out speaking engagements.

- Contact like minded community, religious and labor organizations to build coalitions and to collaborate on projects important to worker justice.

- Help move Day Labor reform legislation through City Council and create enforcement mechanisms for its provisions.

- Research and seek to implement free community voice mail and email networks for people in unstable living arrangements or without access to online computers.

- Explore the possibility of a nonprofit Day Labor hiring hall to place temporary workers in non-abusive, well paying jobs.

- Participate in fundraising by researching and writing grants; and soliciting institutional and individual donations.

- Use Spanish language skills to provide immigrant workers, who don't speak English, access to workers rights information.

- Research industry pay standards, research third party companies that use day labor

- Are working with Media Team, requesting appearances, writing and submitting stories, exploring development of a PSA.

The Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center is an advocate for justice and a resource for the information and organizational skills that workers need to achieve it. Please join us.

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