STREET OUTREACH

The core of our HBR campaign is based on our outreach to homeless and poor people, in which we document their experiences with local police and private security. We have surveyed 1,584 people in 17 cities throughout 8 states. The civil rights violations people are experiencing everywhere are eerily similar. The main "illegal offenses" that homeless people are being harassed & criminalized for include: sleeping 82%, sitting or lying down 77%, and loitering or hanging out 75%.

CAMPAIGN GOALS

- Addressing homelessness and poverty from a multi-issue social justice perspective.
- Overturn laws aimed at removing poor and homeless people from public space.
- Connect current laws targeting today's poor and homeless people to historical civil rights abuses such as Sundown Towns and Anti-Okie laws.
- Build a framework which is responsive to street outreach and shares power with impoverished people.
- Develop statewide power analysis to understand the legislative political scene in California, Colorado and Oregon.
- Support organizations and individuals working on HBR projects in their respective states.
- Obtain resolutions in support of the Homeless Bill of Rights principles.
- Remove bureaucratic and other obstacles which prevent people from escaping homelessness.

HISTORY

The United States has a long history of using mean spirited and often brutal laws to keep "certain" people out of public spaces and consciousness. Jim Crow, Sundown towns, Anti-Okie laws, Operation Wetback and Ugly laws targeted various populations based on their racial, economic, social, immigration or disability status.

These laws in the past that denied certain people's right to exist continues in this current moment by targeting poor and homeless people through criminalizing basic life sustaining activities like sitting, sleeping or eating in public spaces.

WHAT THE CAMPAIGN DOES

- Documents street outreach to people currently experiencing poverty and homelessness.
- Conducts meetings and community forums with local community and membership to build power.
- Gives presentations and teach-ins on criminalization at organizations, schools, street actions, groups, etc.
- Coordinates simultaneous multi-state days of action and street theater
- Creates people's media and artwork.
- Writes state-based anti-criminalization legislation and coordinates research related

MEMBERS

Coalition on Homelessness
(San Francisco - California)

Denver Homeless Out Loud
(Denver - Colorado)

Los Angeles Community Action Network
(Los Angeles - California)

Right to Survive
(Portland - Oregon)

Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee
(Sacramento, California)

Sisters of the Road (Portland - Oregon)

St. Mary's Center (Oakland - California)

Street Roots (Portland - Oregon)

ENDORSERS

238 Organizations have already joined!
WHY

Our Homeless Bill of Rights (HBR) campaign in Colorado, Oregon and California will create state bills that reiterate the following rights and prohibit the enforcement of any local laws that violate the rights of anyone on public spaces.

1. Right to move freely, rest, sleep, & be protected in public spaces without harassment or criminalization
2. Right to occupy a legally parked vehicle.
3. Right to serve food and eat in public.
4. Right to legal counsel if being prosecuted.
5. Right to 24-hour access to “hygiene facilities”

ACT!
ENGAGE!

- Invite Oregon organizers to come to your community and hold a forum to talk about criminalization and the Homeless Bill of Rights Campaign.
- Ask your community organization to endorse this campaign.
- Participate in WRAP’s street outreach surveys to people living on the streets in your neighborhood.
- Provide and build connections with universities who want to do research on criminalization.
- Donate to WRAP or the 3 core members of WRAP in Oregon (Right 2 Survive, Sisters of the Road, Street Roots) Visit http://wraphome.org/ to learn more about issues and access tools for organizing your local communities

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#Right2Rest
#HousekeysnotHandcuffs

Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP) unites local social justice organizations and is building a movement that exposes and eliminates the root causes of civil and human rights abuses of people experiencing poverty and homelessness in our communities.

Our HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Today, numerous laws infringe on poor people’s ability to exist in public space and deny them of equal protection under the law.