

The **Louisville Workers Brigade** is an association of working people dedicated to educating, supporting, and uniting working class forces in the Louisville community. We organize with union and non-union workers alike.

The Brigade **educates** workers by organizing regular Educational Presentations which focus on Labor and Working Class history and issues and by producing easy-to-read literature for working people.

The Brigade **supports** workers through aid during strikes, by platforming workplace grievances, by providing counsel to workers exploring options for organizing their workplaces, and through organizing solidarity actions for workers in need.

Lastly, the Brigade **unites** workers by breaking down the divisions which the owning class has used to divide workers against each other and by organizing regular Community Socials where working people can meet other workers in the community and can begin to build ties of solidarity with one another.

The Brigade proudly continues the legacy of **Class Struggle Unionism** which understands that our present economic system is designed for the minority owning class to become unbelievably wealthy off of the labor of the majority Working Class. We reject the false notion of "peaceful coexistence" between these two rival classes whose interests are diametrically opposed to one another. Instead, we seek to heighten this class conflict by empowering workers to secure economic, political, social, and cultural power for themselves through struggle.



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Women have occupied a space of extreme exploitation and oppression within American society. Traditionally assigned to domestic responsibilities, women have had their important household labor disregarded and minimized. Forced into a subordinate role under patriarchal tyranny, women have endured innumerable forms of abuse and neglect, many in silence as our society refused to hear their cries.



When part of the traditional workforce, women have been denied equal pay for equal work, promotions, and positions due to their gender. They have met sexual harassment and assault by bosses and management. They have gone home, exhausted, overworked, and drained, only to be met by the responsibilities of the household waiting for them. In the past, many labor unions have barred women from membership or denied them leadership positions within their organizations. The patriarchal owning class state has continuously assaulted their right to bodily autonomy. The litany of exploitation and oppression of women could go on ad nauseum...

This is not even to mention the impact sexism has on their male counterparts. This system of bigotry and chauvinism creates and promulgates a hyper-masculine toxicity that men are under duress to accept. The affects of this culture result in mental health calamities for young men as they are pressured to adopt an unnatural and contradictory set of chauvinistic beliefs and attitudes.

The roots of misogyny are a complicated matrix of state, religious, and societal bigotries intertwined throughout history. Under our present economic ordering, such chauvinism has benefited the owning class greatly by dividing the

working class in half—supporting male dominance on the one hand and female subservience on the other. By relegating women to domestic labor, the owning class has forced the maintenance and care of workers and future workers (children) onto women, without any form of compensation, of course, and has kept the “breadwinner” of the household beholden to the boss as the sole source of income for the family.

Nevertheless, women have not stood idly by in the struggle for political, economic, social, and cultural power. Great women organizers, activists, and revolutionaries have bravely forged new paths for other women, offering a vision of radical equality and justice for the broad working class.

The Louisville Workers Brigade remembers and honors the legacies of these great women: Fannie Sellins, a union organizer with the International Ladies’ Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) and the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) who was brutally murdered by sheriff’s deputies in Pennsylvania when she intervened to stop them from beating a picketing miner; Mother Jones (Mary H. Harris Jones), the unwavering labor organizer and champion of the working class whose legacy in the labor movement is unmatched; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a founding member of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), member and first national chairwoman of the Communist Party USA, and devoted fighter for the working class. The list goes on and on...



The Louisville Workers Brigade believes in the cultivation of a strong, class struggle labor movement, not as an end of itself, but as a critical component to the formation of a new world for working and oppressed people. In our view, this militant labor movement must tend to its social responsibilities in ensuring that its membership, activities, and leadership incorporate all segments of our diverse class, especially the most oppressed segments. We believe that in the crucible of class struggle, marked especially by direct action, solidarity across all social divides can be achieved.

A world for working and oppressed people must include protections and provisions for women who have endured such extreme levels of exploitation and oppression for so long. Such measures must include equal pay for equal work, paid maternity leave, protected reproductive rights, comprehensive and universal healthcare, publicly-funded childcare and education, and a guaranteed democratic voice in all working class institutions.

Despite centuries of oppression and exploitation, women have persevered in the struggle for liberation. Uniting their voices with the voices of other oppressed communities and with the broad and diverse working class must be of urgent importance to all organizers. Together, united in solidarity, our struggles connected under the banner of our working class cause, we can begin to undo the systems of exploitation and oppression and can usher in a new world where women and all working people may enjoy power, liberation, and peace.

*-The Louisville Workers Brigade*



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