

WHAT: ACTIVIST TEAM BUILDING AND BIRDDOG TRAINING

WHEN: 6 P.M. TUESDAY MAY 1, 2018

**WHERE: Machinists Union District 98
3200 E. Prospect Street, York, PA 17402**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Local activist groups, supporters of public education, direct-action affinity groups, Indivisible chapters, Women's March Huddles, successors to Pantsuit Nation, labor groups, faith-based advocates - anyone who believe that politicians should be accountable to the people!

Do you want to hold policymakers accountable, derail bad legislation, demand answers from elected officials and effect change through direct advocacy? If so, then Birddogging 101 is for you!

York County, as well as the entire South-Central Pennsylvania region, is a vitally important area for the 2018 election season. We have the power to play a major role in the outcome of the governor's race, U.S. Senate race, two U.S. congressional races as well as many key state House races.

In order to harness that power, York County teachers and the York/Adams Labor Council want to bring together the forces of labor and public education for an important training on how to be political activists. It's called birddogging.

"Bird dogging" is the activist tactic of putting a candidate on the spot, in public, at campaign events and fundraisers and on camera, with inescapable, bullet proof questions and direct face-to-face contact.

Too often, the candidates duck our questions and hide from us, refusing to talk about the issues that matter to us. But by working together with our fellow union and pro-labor brothers and sisters, using simple direct advocacy, we can get the candidates on the record regarding issues about labor and supporting working people.

Does it work?

A nationwide network of bird dogging was formed in February 2017, in response to attacks on our healthcare. When the Trump Administration pledged to repeal the Affordable Care Act by Inauguration Day, people power stopped it. Bird dogging played a leading role in halting the ACA repeal and bottling up most of the Trump's Administration's legislative agenda.

How do we do that?

Come to the training and find out. This is an opportunity to learn how we can work together and build activist teams on the issues we care about. Paul Davis, National Advocacy Coordinator for Housing Works, will be leading the training.

Please join us at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 1 for a two-hour training and organizing session on how to birddog our way to success in 2018!

If you can join us please reply to: **Lauri Lebo** at lракoff@psea.org

