



Breathing In Community: Healing, Transformation, Joy

Virtual Benefit Host Packet

In our Peace and Justice Action League community, we believe everyday people can accomplish extraordinary things together. For more than 45 years, we have organized for racial equity, economic justice, peace, and human rights. As we continue to build a movement to transform systems and strengthen community, part of our calling is to create room to breathe, heal, and embrace joy.

At Peace and Justice Action League's (PJALS) ***Breathing In Community: Healing, Transformation, Joy Virtual Benefit***, members, donors, and new friends will get the opportunity to be part of a movement for peace and justice. Guests will hear firsthand how we work together to expose and transform systems of hate, violence, exclusion and oppression to build a just and nonviolent world and create a culture of love and belonging.

As a table host, invite your friends to participate in PJALS' Virtual Benefit. There is no cost to attend – guests will have the opportunity to donate to PJALS largest fundraising event. It's easy, and the work you do will help us as we breathe in community– together!

This packet contains information about PJALS' Virtual Benefit along with a table host description, timeline, and simple worksheet for table hosts and their guests. **If you would like to be a host this year, [please sign up here](#).** We will follow-up with you for guest list information. If you have any questions, contact Shar Lichty, at 509-838-7870 or slichty@pjals.org with any questions.

Event Details

When: **Wednesday, May 19th**
6pm social time, 6:30pm Program
(please login by 6:20pm so we may begin promptly at 6:30pm)

Where: **Zoom - Link will be sent via email**
1 week prior to event

Cost: **No cost to attend, with an**
opportunity to donate to PJALS

Keynote Speaker: Eric Ward,

a nationally-recognized expert on the relationship between authoritarian movements, hate violence, and preserving inclusive democracy!

Bio available at www.pjals.org

About the Event:

We are hosting our Annual Benefit virtually again this year and returning to its usual Spring timeline. We have moved the event to the evening in hopes of welcoming even greater attendance.

Our goal is to engage over 250 members and individuals throughout the Spokane region in our essential work for peace and justice and to better acquaint members with the intersectional lens of our analysis —looking at race, class, and gender as we examine the impact of the issues we work on during these trying times.

PJALS members like you make the difference as we grow -- thank you for making the Benefit a huge success as a table host!

Host Responsibilities

Your main responsibility as a host is simple: invite and confirm friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members who care about peace and justice, to join you in attending PJALS' 2021 ***Breathing In Community: Healing, Transformation, Joy Virtual Benefit on Wednesday, May 19th***. Your guests will have the opportunity to learn about and donate to support PJALS' important work.

Here are the specific steps:

Before the Event:

- [Sign-up here](#) to let us know you will host a table.
- Invite 7 or more guests (including yourself!) to attend PJALS' 2020 Virtual Benefit program.
 - Invite them by phone, email, or in person—using the example in this packet or your original ask.
 - Confirm their attendance by phone or email follow-up.
 - Collect their email address and (let them know this is so we can email them the zoom login and any other needed information prior to the event. They can easily unsubscribe to our email list after the event if they like).
 - Email your guest list (First and Last names and email address) to slichty@pjals.org **no later than Monday, May 10th**.
 - **NOTE:** your guests will need to set their zoom screen name to the name you provide us to enable us to set-up Virtual Table breakouts following the program.
 - **Send a reminder to your guests 1 week prior to the event with the zoom login information.** (They will have also received the Zoom information from us.)

During the Event:

- Social time will begin at 6pm. Login to the event no later than 6:20pm; we'll begin the program promptly at 6:30pm.
- Following the opportunity to give at the end of the program, we will put you and your guests into a "virtual table" breakout room. This will provide an opportunity for you to talk about what you enjoyed about the program, answer any questions, and encourage your guests to give.
 - **NOTE:** your guests will need to set their zoom screen name to the name you provide us to enable us to set-up Virtual Table breakouts following the program.
- We will keep the breakout room space open until 7:30pm so you and your guests can also enjoy some social time together following the program.

After the Event:

- Contact your guests within two days to thank them, get their impressions of the event, and listen to their feedback—contact us with anything you think is pertinent! *Do not ask guests for money a second time, please.*

Important Dates:

Monday, May 10th: Deadline for Guest Lists to be sent to slichty@pjals.org (See worksheet below)

Wednesday, May 12th: One week! Remind guests **and send them zoom information.**

Wednesday, May 19th: Day of event, see you at 6:00pm!

Talking Points and Invitation Examples

As a host, you're probably already involved in PJALS' work and aware of the mission and the current priorities of the organization. However, if you need a refresher or ideas for engaging prospective guests, visit pjals.org.

By Phone:

1. Hello _____! [catch up with your friend]
2. Request:
 - You may already know I'm involved with the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane
 - I know we've talked before about our shared interest in the issue and concerns that Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane focuses on (pull out details from your life, or from the website)
 - Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane and its members work diligently to build a just and nonviolent world. As a supporter of this organization, I'm hosting by inviting you to attend Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane's ***Breathing In Community: Healing, Transformation, Joy with Eric Ward, a nationally-recognized expert on the relationship between authoritarian movements, hate violence, and preserving inclusive democracy, as the keynote speaker!*** It's a great opportunity to virtually gather with like-minded peers and become part of a growing movement in building peace and fairness. There is no cost to attend and there will be an opportunity to support the organization during the event. I'd love to have you join me in support!
3. This is a benefit event and here are some of the details:
 - Date: **Wednesday, May 19, 2021 virtually on Zoom from 6:00p-7:30p.**
 - Location: (Zoom - Link will be sent with reminder 1 week prior to the event)

By Email:

Dear _____,

I am serving as a Host for Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane's Virtual Benefit ***Breathing In Community: Healing, Transformation, Joy*** and I would love for you to join me in participation.

(Share your personal connection to PJALS and why you support.)

The benefit will be held on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021 virtually on Zoom from 6:00p-7:30p.**

This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the amazing work Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane is doing, discover ways to get involved, and hear from *Eric Ward, a nationally-recognized expert on the relationship between authoritarian movements, hate violence, and preserving inclusive democracy, as the keynote speaker!*

There's no cost to attend this benefit, though you will be given an opportunity to support the outstanding work and efforts of Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane, so please bring your giving spirit. I hope you will participate with me! Please RSVP to me before Monday, May 10th.

[Salutation], [YOU]

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Virtual Benefit Guest List

Wed, May 19th 6:00-7:30pm

Due Monday, May 10th

Table Host Name: _____

Name of Guest (First and Last)	Email (needed to email zoom info)	Text Number (to receive text with donation link during event)
1. Table Host (Listed above)		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

To return your final list, please email this information to Shar at slichty@pjals.org.