

Speaking about social justice...
Are you ready to Speak Out?

THE SPEAKERS' SCHOOL

Is a 14-week course for people who are economically disadvantaged. Public speaking and leadership skills are developed in an environment of peer support and within the context of education in social justice issues. Participants are expected to attend every session, and to use the skills gained for advancing the issues and concerns relating to disability, poverty, and unemployment.

Classes are free. Next course starts February 2010.

THE SPEAKERS' SCHOOL can help you to:

- Feel more comfortable speaking in public
- Gain experience and build confidence
- Communicate more effectively
- Learn facts to support your experience
- Build support for yourself as a public speaker

in an atmosphere of peer support & mutual aid.

A limited budget is available for child care and for transportation.

A light meal is provided at each class.

Who can attend?

People living in poverty
Injured Workers
Unemployed

FACTS! Each week, a guest speaker addresses a different topic specific to social & economic justice. Examples include:

- History of Social Welfare Legislation
- History of Injured Workers Movement
- Communication Skills
- Economic Justice



FEEDBACK!

- Practice in small and then larger groups
- Peer coaching & guidance from the course facilitator & guest speakers
- Supportive encouragement for learning new skills and taking new risks with public speaking.

FUN! Every class includes a light meal & social time. Participants are encouraged to car pool and to work together outside of class. Exercises are designed to integrate information with public speaking practice.

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