

Midtown Kingston for Bernie

AGENDA • SEPTEMBER 12

I. Intros & Housekeeping

- Any volunteers to facilitate today's meeting or take notes?
- How do we want to be structured as a group?
- Should we start a Google group or some sort of listserv? Facebook?
- Best times to meet? Alternate weekdays/weekends?
- How can we coordinate with other nearby groups?

II. Planning: "Reach & Register" Oct. 9 Deadline

There are around 2-million people in NY that - if they wanted - would not get the chance to vote for Bernie because they are not registered as a Democrat. The deadline to change party affiliation in order to vote in the New York state primary is **October 9** – less than a month away!

- **Mail-in registration forms can be downloaded here:** <http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html>
- **Online registration via the DMV here:** <http://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>
- The Bernie campaign is encouraging people to organize "reach and register" parties on parties on Sep. 16. Do we want to host one?
- Ulster County Volunteers for Bernie Sander has already begun planning an outreach campaign:
 - They have lists of voters with no party affiliation for each town in Ulster. Peruse the list to see if anyone you know is on there, that you can reach out to personally!
 - They've created a nice flier we can distribute – we can coordinate with them to make sure we hit places they haven't yet, so as not to reduplicate effort. Another NY for Bernie volunteer designed a cool flier with "tear sheets" so that folks can tear off a reminder.
 - They are having a meeting on September 29 at 7:00 PM at the Creative Co-op of Rosendale (402 Main Street Rosendale, NY 12472) to discuss their progress, and activities such as tabling at farmer's markets and door-to-door canvassing.
- There are also state-wide efforts to organize for Oct. 9 on social media and through phone-banking.
- Other useful links:
 - <http://www.ifyouwantbernie.com/NY/>
 - Thunderclap: <https://www.thunderclap.it/en/projects/30443-ny-register-democrat-by-oct-9>

III. Skills Assessment

What are our collective strengths & assets as a group?

- Any Spanish speakers?
- Facilitators/note-takers/organizers?
- Out-going/good at talk to strangers?
- Social media/design/coding?

With all this in mind, are there specific goals/campaigns we want to focus on as a group?

IV. Discussion: Outreach

- How can we expand our group to better reflect the diversity of Kingston?
- Are there any upcoming events we should try to get a table at?
- Any communities/organizations/faith groups/unions we should reach out to?

V. Debate Watch: October 13th

Do we want to organize a debate watch party in Kingston? Ideas for venue?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep. 16 (Across NY State) - Reach & Register Parties
- Sep. 20 11am-1pm (Rosendale) Make signs for Bernie with renowned puppeteer Amy Trompetter
- Sep. 27 1pm-3pm (New Paltz) "BERNing New Paltz"
- Sep. 29 7pm (Rosendale) Ulster County Volunteers for Bernie Sander Meeting
- Oct. 9 NY State Deadline to change party affiliation
- Oct. 13 First Democratic Primary Debate

USEFUL LINKS

- NY for Bernie
<http://teambernieny.org>
- Ulster County Volunteers for Bernie
https://groups.google.com/forum/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=footer#!forum/uc-volunteers-4-bernie
- Ulster County Volunteers for Bernie (Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/106480919701285/>
- Bernie Sanders Volunteer Organizing Toolkit
<https://go.berniesanders.com/page/content/toolkit>