



What post-holiday lull?

An event-full January for OROK included three successful workshops with The InCorruptibles. marching in two events, testifying for a wind energy, project organizing two watch parties (both featuring Senator Bernie Sanders), canvassing for newly recommended candidates in Norman, initiating an OK Democratic Party federation group, filling a table at the OK County Democratic Party Medallion Dinner, and along the way gaining new members, allies and friends .

The InCorruptibles bring ‘Take Back Your Government’ organizing to Oklahoma

The InCorruptibles workshops, presented free of charge in OKC and Norman on the weekend of January 20-21, were challenging, in-depth trainings that gave attendees resources and tools to create tight, grassroots coalitions of folks currently underserved by their governments.



Anna Callahan of The InCorruptibles at Norman training.

Attended by candidates and possible future candidates, as well as community activists, the three sessions provided the opportunity to learn how to Strategize Your City, Strategize your State and Raise Small-Dollar Donations.

Saturday morning, at the Strategize Your City workshop, we did lots of brainstorming of underserved groups, listed possible coalition partners, discussed the power structure of Oklahoma City government, and thought of hot-button policy issues facing the city (and the demographic groups affected).

Saturday afternoon, the Raising Small-Dollar Donations workshop explained the concept of Continuous Town Halls -- how they can be utilized as an opportunity to connect with different constituent groups, and how they can be a great source for small-dollar donations. We practiced a town hall listening session, which should be 70% listening, with the remaining 30% for educating and mobilizing attendees. We discovered that 70% listening is not easy and will definitely take practice!

On Sunday, the Strategize Your State workshop (which was critical to include, because Oklahoma has such deep problems at the state level) was similar in flavor

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Tuesday, March 6

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We Love A March

"It was inspiring to march with fellow progressives at the MLK parade. These times seem daunting but Dr. King's own life reminds us that persistence and courage can make a difference."
- Mark Henricksen, Chair



Around 20 OROK members and friends didn't let the cold stop them from showing up to the OKC MLK Jr. Holiday Parade to march in solidarity with the ideals of the late Dr. King and to show our community that we are here and that we are still fighting to make his (and OUR) dream a reality. Thanks to Courtney and David Hurst for organizing.



Sam Fredrickson led the OROK presence at the Women's March on Jan. 20. Yes! We are looking for more opportunities to show off our new banner and support our progressive allies!

Watch Parties for Activism

Medicare for All was explained and explored through three panels of experts put together by Bernie Sanders on Jan. 23 for a nationwide livestream event that reached over 1 million people, including about 30 gathered at OROK's event at The Press.



On Jan. 31, we returned to The Press for the Fossil Free Fast livestreamed event at which Bernie spoke, and Bill McKibbin and Rev. Lennox Yearwood MC'd. That same night, Courtney Hurst represented OROK at a coalition meeting in Norman that is also working on going fossil free.



OROK members canvassed for David Perry and Alex Scott, candidates for Norman City Council. Shown: Ben Alpers, Kathy Rand, Mark Henricksen.



Rep. Collin Walke presented his "Oklahoma Values" legislative package and OROK was there to give support for a minimum wage increase, pay equity, paid sick leave and other family-supportive legislation.



Susan McCann spoke at a public hearing on Jan. 4 to support the Wind Catcher clean energy project.

Committees drive our work

Get involved by joining one of the committees of OROK.

- **Candidate endorsement and recruitment** - Feb. 12, Norman
- **Transforming Politics** - Feb. 19, Oak and Ore, OKC
- **Communications and Outreach** - Feb 20, OKC
- **Ballot initiatives** - Feb. 27, OKC



Other Events

- Membership meeting, March X. See front page. FMI visit ourrevolutionok.com. Watch for email.
- **OK Democrats for Economic Justice** - Feb. 19 & 26

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to the Strategize Your City workshop, but with different answers to the questions asked. We came up with a great list of possible coalition partners. Then we looked at the structure of state elections, and had a spirited discussion (to be continued) on what our "deal-breaker" issues are for us to engage with possible coalition partners. (Is all corporate money bad? What if the corporation is an ESG [environmental, social, and governance] corporation?)

OROK board member Melody Ball was responsible for finding out about this fantastic free resource for progressive activists. She sent a message to attenders of all the workshops: "Be on the lookout -- a follow-up meeting is being planned! And thanks for joining us!"

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