

# 2025 Spring Campaigns Council Report: Political Education Working Group

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Leadership
List the members of your leadership and their roles. Identify any gaps in leadership positions.
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Roster Count		
Core <i>(active weekly or leadership)</i>	Involved <i>(active monthly/bimonthly)</i>	Orbital <i>(active for wide calls to action)</i>
20	150	750 (mailing list)

Campaign Overview	
Issue <i>What is <b>the</b> problem you are trying to address? Ex. Wards 7 and 8 in DC only have 3 grocery stores, creating a food desert.</i>	Demand <i>What is <b>the</b> solution to that problem that this working group proposes? Ex. Establish a District government run grocery store in each Ward through Council legislation.</i>
People Need to be brought into socialism and educated	Providing regular educational events and reading

about its relationship to our world and the movement for a socialist future

groups to deepen peoples' knowledge and bring them into the movement.

<b>Strategy and Tactics</b>				
	<b>Strategy</b> <i>What will you do to make your demand a reality in 2025?</i>	<b>Tactics</b> <i>What will that strategy look like as organizing tasks?</i>	<b>Timeline</b> <i>When do you plan to do these tactics?</i>	<b>Marker of Success</b> <i>How will you measure progress towards your demand through this strategy?</i>
<b>1</b>	<i>Host Regular Socialist Night Schools</i>	<i>Contacting potential speakers, brainstorming topics, reserving rooms, commissioning artwork, reserving space, outreach about the event, securing equipment, arriving early for set up, taking sign ins, contacting people via email afterward,</i>	<i>In the month or two leading up to the event.</i>	<i>Number of people who attend, and who sign up for future DSA organizing</i>
<b>2</b>	<i>Host 3+ Walking Tours</i>	<i>Contacting potential speakers, brainstorming topics, writing scripts for each stop, commissioning artwork, outreach via Google Form and wheatpasting,</i>	<i>More than 2 months out from the event</i>	<i>Number of people who attend, and who sign up for future DSA organizing</i>
<b>3</b>	<i>Host 3 Semesters of Reading Groups</i>	<i>Outreach to each formation to sponsor groups, outreach to potential facilitators, development of 10 calendars, outreach via Google Form and wheatpasting, training for coordinators, reservation of space by</i>	<i>Start 3 months out with outreach, ask for topics 2 months in advance, outreach a month 1 in advance, ask for calendars and do training ~1 month in advance.</i>	<i>Number of people who sign up, and who sign up for future DSA organizing</i>

		<i>coordinators, arranging visits from MEC/Steering.</i>		
<b>4</b>	(if needed)			
<b>5</b>	(if needed)			

<b>Learning</b>		
	<b>What is a barrier to achieving each strategy outlined above?</b>	<b>What could you do to address that barrier?</b>
<b>1</b>	<i>Lack of people in WG who are semi-involved</i>	<i>More socials and proactive outreach to people who have facilitated reading groups, helped with Night School set up, etc.</i>
<b>2</b>	<i>Threat of state / private repression of protest and large gatherings</i>	<i>More security measures, marshals, de escalation training.</i>
<b>3</b>	<i>Inability for any topic to be 'current' with such an aggressive news cycle</i>	<i>Find people able to speak to the moment, or choose 'timeless' topics</i>
<b>4</b>	<i>Connecting participants to the work of the chapter.</i>	<i>Regular support from MED, other formations to pitch getting involved as Night Schools</i>
<b>5</b>	(if needed)	

<b>Celebrating our Wins</b>	
	<b>Identify factors that made this win possible.</b>
<b>Highlight any wins so far in 2025, or end of 2024 not yet reported, for your formation.</b>	

<p><b>1</b></p>	<p>The Political Ed WG held 3 Socialist Night Schools in Spring 2025. Democracy in Power on February 25 with about 35 attendees, so-sponsored the We Power; and Socialism 101 (online) on March 13 with about 40 attendees. The WG also held The Hindu Supremacist Movement Socialist Night School on March 27, hybrid, with 33 in-person and 32 online attendees, which was cosponsored by Hindus for Human Rights, and Internationalism Working Group</p>	<p>Weekly Update and Chapter social media reach and relationships built over time.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p>The Political Ed WG hosted the Spring 2025 Reading Groups, featuring 526 sign ups for 10 groups. The groups were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introducing Theory Reading group (Tuesdays, online)</li> <li>• Austerity and Fascism: History and Political Economy Reading Group (Tuesdays, in-person)</li> <li>• Policing &amp; Borders: Abolitionist Internationalism Reading Group (Tuesdays, online)</li> <li>• Socialism 101 Reading Group (Wednesdays, online)</li> <li>• Socialist Science Fiction: Ministry of the Future Reading Group (Sundays, online)</li> <li>• Hegemony and Society: Gramsci Reading Group (Sundays, online)</li> <li>• Discourse on Colonialism: Internationalism Reading Group (Tuesdays)</li> <li>• Their Hoarded Gold: Labor Reading Group (Mondays, online)</li> </ul>	<p>Weekly update and Chapter social media reach, and a powerful mailing list built up from the past years.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What Is to Be Done? Socialist Strategy Reading Group (Mondays)</li> <li>• Socialist Feminism Reading Group (Wednesdays)</li> <li>• Abolish Rent: Stomp Out Slumlords Reading Group (Mondays, in person)</li> <li>• New Magazine Essays: Metro DC DSA Discussion Club (Mondays, in person, monthly)</li> </ul>	
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