



## RTCNYC Tool 12.3.3.8 Eviction Free NYC Retreat for Members, Leaders and Organizers

### Day 1

#### Goals:

- Develop shared language about the political economy and tenant organizing
- Build relationships
- Have fun
- Deepen our understanding about the theory and potential of RTC
- Learn new skills
- Build solidarity with international struggles

1. Welcome and Overview - 10:30am
  - a. Things to know about this space
  - b. Group agreements
  - c. Review Goals and Schedule for the 3 days
  - d. Any logistical questions?
  - e. Volunteers for support today
    - i. Clean up?
    - ii. Sign in sheets?
2. Team Building/Intros 11am
  - a. Handshake intros
  - b. Machine game
3. Why We Do the Work 11:30am
  - a. 10 Chairs of Inequality
    - i. Definition of systems of oppression
    - ii. Show are my hands clean?
  - b. Approaches to Change Exercise
    - i. Definition of organizing
4. Resilience Building Activity 1pm

5. LUNCH 1:15pm
6. Discussion on Tenant Organizing and how RTC fits in 2pm
  - a. In small groups:
    - i. What does this understanding mean for our work in tenant organizing? How does tenant organizing challenge these systems? What do we need to do to ensure that organizing is transformative vs. reformist?
    - ii. How is organizing in a building with RTC different? What opportunities does it create?
    - iii. Review 6 month organizing plan!
  - b. Report back
  - c. Takeaways
7. Campaign to Expand and Strengthen RTC, Teach-In 3pm
  - a. Campaign presentation
  - b. Talking points activity
  - c. Lobbying activity
  - d. Commitments
8. Commitments and Takeaways 5:30pm
9. Logistics and Plan for tomorrow 6pm
  - a. Announce and have folks sign up for the storytelling workshop?
10. Eval and Closing Exercise 6:15pm

## Day 2:

1. Welcome and Overview 10:30am
  - a. Review group Agreements, Housing Keeping, Housekeeping, Goals and Language Justice
  - b. Review schedule for the day
  - c. Volunteers for support today
    - i. Clean up?
    - ii. Sign in sheets?
  - d. In pairs, reflection from yesterday. What lingering questions do you have? Major takeaways and learnings? When you went home, what did you tell your family or friends about the day?
2. Rent Laws Teach In 11am
3. Break 12:20pm

4. Challenging Evictions 12:30pm
  - a. Background on the People's Tribunal on Evictions
  - b. Background on Evictions Blockades and the Eviction Defense Network
    - i. Present examples where the network would come into play
  - c. Review 6 month organizing plan
  - d. Citywide demands draft, part 1 12:45pm
    - i. Break into small groups by language
    - ii. Newspaper headlines activity
5. LUNCH 1:15pm
6. Energizer
7. Citywide Demands, Part 2 2pm
  - a. Report back, consolidate and define process
8. Eviction Defense Network 3pm
  - a. Name
  - b. Plan to launch
9. Break/Energizer
10. Prep for tomorrow 5pm
  - a. Teach In on building wide rent strike in the Bronx
  - b. Logistics and schedule for court action tomorrow
11. Commitments/Takeaways/Eval/Closing 5:30pm