



EUGENE **HOUSING AND** **NEIGHBORHOOD** **DEFENSE**

**WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO,
AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED**



WHAT IS HAND?

Eugene Housing and Neighborhood Defense (HAND) is an organization that formed in 2020 in order to bring people together across Eugene and Springfield to combat exploitation in our homes and neighborhoods. We believe that through uniting together and engaging in collective action, we can secure wins against landlords, developers, and others who see the hardworking people in our community as mere dollar signs. We also believe that our current economic system, capitalism, is the root cause of the vast majority of issues we face in our homes and neighborhoods, and because of that, we must organize towards creating a world free from capitalism.

HAND's Points of Unity:

1. We are committed to the masses of working class people and defending working class neighborhoods and housing in Eugene.
2. We are uniting the working class through collective action.
3. Our primary task is to raise class consciousness and bring working class people into revolutionary organizing.
4. We understand that the housing struggle is one facet of the global working class struggle against Imperialism.
5. We oppose compromise, collaboration, and capitulation

WHO WE ARE

HAND consists of a membership body as well as supporters from a variety of backgrounds. We count among us tenants, parents, students, and workers from diverse sectors. Some of us have engaged in other activism work in the past, and many of us have not. What binds us all together is the realization that we cannot sit by any longer while capitalist exploitation sucks the life from our communities. Members of HAND agree to take on leadership in HAND's organizing work and to uphold our points of unity. Supporters attend HAND's public meetings, actions, and events, and contribute invaluable time, skills, and energy to our many campaigns and projects.

WHAT WE DO

Throughout the years, HAND has engaged in a variety of work ranging from door to door canvassing to learn more about issues facing our neighborhoods to holding rallies outside of property management company offices to demand tenants' deposits back. Exploitation in our neighborhoods can look many different ways, so we have found that our tactics to respond to it have to be diverse and flexible as well.

One of the most important aspects of our work is bringing neighbors together to organize. For over a year we have been holding monthly mass meetings to do just that. From these meetings, we have developed three neighborhood locals in Central Eugene, West and North Eugene, and Springfield in order to better localize our work. Some projects we have engaged in recently include creating educational material about police violence, assisting tenants with forming a building-wide tenant union, and singing heavily edited versions of Christmas carols at the homes of our least favorite landlords.

GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in getting involved with HAND in any way, please get in touch or show up at one of our events! All who are interested in combating exploitation are welcome at our meetings, we don't require that people have any experience organizing or to agree with everything we believe. Taking the first step of deciding to get involved in something new can be daunting, but bravery like that is the basis for the positive change we are striving for. We look forward to meeting you, hearing your ideas, and organizing alongside you as we continue to grow our movement together.





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