

SAMPLE EMAILS TO RECRUIT HOSTS

Use the following sample emails to recruit Hosts for Conversations or edit them as needed. The invitation will be more powerful if you can personalize it with some of the local or national organizing and advocacy that your organization is engaged in. Sending an email WILL NOT work by itself; you must make phone calls to follow up on the email and ask people to organize Conversations directly.

SAMPLE 1

Dear Allies [*or insert name*],

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has taken up practices that routinely violate the basic rights of people in this country. Immigrants, including legal residents and citizens, are being impacted by these violations.

The DHS raid homes and factories to round up suspected undocumented immigrants, detain individuals in inhumane or dangerous conditions, and slow the naturalization application process for many immigrants of certain race or religion because of the need for extra security checks. People need to know these activities are happening so that we can stop these human rights violations.

We cannot sit aside while people's rights are being violated. That is why [*your organization*] is partnering with the Rights Working Group to support the campaign to **Hold DHS Accountable!** The first step of the Campaign is to engage in the Night of 1,000 Conversations. On September 25th, thousands of people from across the country will gather in homes, offices, coffee shops, and places of worship to talk about how DHS has gone too far in enforcing immigration laws. The Night of a 1,000 Conversations will raise awareness and mobilize our communities. People all over the country will talk to one another about actions to help restore accountability at DHS. **Will you join us and host a Conversation to talk about human rights and accountability?**

If you host a Conversation, tools and trainings are available to help you succeed. You can download the "Night of 1,000 Conversations Toolkit" from <http://www.nightof1000conversations.org> or by asking us to mail you copies.

Join us to promote human rights for everyone in this country.

With Warm Regards,

[Name]

SAMPLE 2

Dear Allies [*or name*],

On behalf of the [*your organization*], I would like to invite you to the upcoming Night of 1,000 Conversations scheduled for September 25, 2008. This event is being spearheaded by the Rights Working Group and [*your organization*] is a member of this coalition.

The Night of 1,000 Conversations began in April 2007. Thousands of people across the country came together in living rooms, backyards, basements, community centers, schools and places of worship to work toward restoring basic civil liberties and human rights, protecting our core American values of fairness and justice, and defending due process for everyone.

The September 25th Night of 1,000 Conversations seeks to hold the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) accountable for policies which violate the human rights and civil liberties of people in this country. Immigrants are oftentimes the target of these unnecessary and harsh tactics. In addition, DHS has also partnered with some local and state enforcement agencies to pursue aggressive and unjust policies as well. We must not allow these injustices to continue. When we allow the government to violate the rights of some, it puts all our freedoms at risk.

Our communities are at risk and we want you to do something about it. Please host a Conversation on September 25, 2008 and be a part of the Night of 1,000 Conversations. [*Your organization*] will send you follow-up information and details about the event, including a tool kit and more information about the process as it draws near.

On behalf of [*your organization*], thank you for your interest and I hope to hear from you soon. Please contact me at [*your contact information*] for any question or clarification.

In solidarity,

[Your name]