DEFUND THE POLICE CRASH COURSE

On June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. Though enslaved people were already legally free, many had still labored in Texas and the South for two years after Lincoln’s declaration.

In that same vein, while being legally free, we know that Black folks, immigrants, and working class people have rarely experienced freedom from police violence and harassment from the state. We’ve had enough! Nationally, the mandate to “Defund the Police” has taken on a life of its own. We, however, understand this mandate as part of an ongoing project of abolition that has not yet been fully realized.

Join Sunrise Movement, Mijente, Dream Defenders, Critical Resistance, AfroSocialists and Socialists of Color Caucus, and Southerners on New Ground as we deepen our understanding of abolition and learn how to turn the mandate to “Defund the Police” into tangible action in our communities.

By the end of this 4-day crash course, you will:

- Understand what exactly the demand “Defund the Police” means
- Envision what a world without police could look like
- Get ready to take action to defund police in your community

Applications for the July 13-16th Defund the Police Crash Course session are closed. Fill out this interest form to get the link to apply for the next round as soon as it’s live!