

## Left Forum 2013

# The Domino Effect: Growing the Healthcare Is a Human Right Movement, One State after Another

June 8, 2013  
5:30 pm-7:15 pm



Pace University  
1 Pace Plaza  
Floor 6, Room 604

**The panel will feature a discussion with leaders from the Healthcare Is a Human Right campaigns in Vermont, Maine and Maryland, moderated by the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative.**

### Join Us!

Inspired by Vermont's successful Healthcare Is a Human Right movement, the push to go beyond Obamacare's market-based insurance 'reforms' is gaining steam across the country. The lessons of the Vermont Workers' Center's human rights organizing model, which led to the passage of the United States' first universal healthcare law, have informed the emergence of new campaigns in Maryland, Maine and other states. Grassroots groups are picking up the baton and paving the way for a domino effect of state-based universal healthcare wins. By uniting constituencies and envisioning alternatives to commodification, healthcare is used as a lever to build a counter-hegemonic force for structural change. This panel will discuss the Vermont model, share lessons learned, hear from the new campaigns in Maryland and Maine, and invite participants to join a national network that supports the growing Healthcare Is a Human Right movement in their own states. The panel will include leaders from the Healthcare Is a Human Right campaigns in Vermont, Maryland and Maine, moderated by NESRI.

Speakers- Anja Rudiger- NESRI, James Haslam- Vermont Workers Center,  
Sergio Espana- United Workers, Jennie PirkI- Maine People's Alliance

More information about these organizations can be found at:

<http://www.nesri.org>  
<http://www.workerscenter.org/healthcare>

<http://www.mainepeoplesalliance.org/humanright>  
<http://healthcareisahumanrightmaryland.org>

