

Fairfield County Indivisible
Raising Our Voices to Preserve Our Democracy

A Gathering Force for Compassion, Justice and Integrity in Government

Purpose:

Preserve our democracy and civil liberties wherever they are threatened through participation and leadership in the local, state and national civic processes.

Goals:

- Engage a broad base of Fairfield County residents
- Influence government decisions that impact us, especially the voiceless and those with less power and influence
- Empower individuals to act through sharing information and organizing actions

Values We Believe In:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement of individual growth
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the democratic process in groups and society at large
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

Objectives:

- Drive our group to civic engagement
- Increase awareness of the civic process in Fairfield County
- Work to increase voter turnout for mid-term and 2020 elections
- Identify and support candidates at the district and state level who support our values

Organizing Principles:

- We welcome diversity of parties, denominations, and points of view.
- We speak loudly and clearly.
- We act persuasively, peacefully and respectfully in exercising our constitutional rights of free of speech, petition, and assembly.
- We act for the common good.

Approach:

- Embrace and adopt the lessons and experience of the broader movement for unity and justice.
- Seek out others with common purpose and values and work with them.
- Enable and encourage individual action by:
 - Leveraging the work of other action groups at the local, state and national level
 - Contacting our members of Congress and state Legislature via visits, calls, letters, petitions, town halls
 - Sharing knowledge, information and resources
 - Providing guidance, strategies and tools for effective action
 - Recommending specific calls-to-action
 - Hosting events designed to inspire and inform
 - Organizing interests groups around specific social justice issues

Tools:

- Donations of time, resources, property and treasure
- Fairfield County Indivisible Facebook Group
- Web site with relevant content - FairfieldCountyIndivisible.org
- Weekly CTA (call-to-action) / What's New via email

Joining Forces:

- Women's March ongoing actions
- Women's March CT – We March On
- Indivisible Movement
- Other Fairfield County Indivisible groups
- Social Justice activities sponsored by TUCW, the Unitarian Church in Westport
- Other faith groups' social justice efforts
- Other organized action groups e.g. Huddles, Sister District
- Issue related action groups e.g. gun safety, immigration
- Organized events e.g. Standing Rock, Climate March