

Indivisible hosts 'Speak Truth' summit in Astoria

ASTORIA — Indivisible North Coast Oregon (INCO), a grassroots organization that defends democracy by opposing authoritarianism, bigotry and corruption, will host its Speak Truth 2019 Regional Summit at the Fort George Lovell Showroom, Duane and 14th streets, on Saturday, Jan. 19.

The summit's three events are free and open to the public.

Main Program

The summit takes place 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Showroom. It offers fresh perspectives on demanding truth from elected officials and speaking truth to power, with networking, dialogue and inspiration for defending democracy.

Guests and local organizers share smart strategies and tactics for voicing concerns and effecting change, especially with the changes in the U.S. Congress and with local issues. As we work to make our country better in 2019,



Indivisible North Coast Oregon

Participants in the 2017 Astoria Women's March.

the truth begins with us.

Speakers:

- "Grassroots Truth & Constituent Power" with Bobby Michaels, Indivisible's Senior Regional Organizer for six Pacific Northwest states.
- "Messaging and Morality

Explained: How to Protect the Truth and Win our Country Back" with Linai Vaz, Ph.D, who, at last year's INCO summit, showed how framing influences politics.

- "Embrace the 'F' Word" with Margaret Frimoth, a longtime advocate for survivors of domes-



A button designed by Indivisible North Coast Oregon leader Bebe Halperin.

tic and sexual violence. She is the vice-president of academic affairs at Clatsop Community College.

An optional box lunch can be ordered in the morning, with sign-making and postcarding activities available during lunch in the showroom.

Speak Truth Women's March

The march begins at 2 p.m. from Heritage Square at Exchange and 12th streets. The march is less than a mile on the sidewalks of downtown Astoria. Bring signs. This is an inclusive, nonviolent event. It is posted on national

sites, but Indivisible North Coast Oregon is not affiliated with the national organizing groups.

Run For Something

This event is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Lovell Showroom.

Good people serving in office keep democracy strong. Numerous local offices are up for election in May, including school boards, Port of Astoria and fire districts. This event includes a Q-and-A with a panel of local elected leaders about why and how you could run for office. If you don't run, who will?

Panel: Bruce Jones, mayor of Astoria; Tita Montero, Seaside City councilor; Kathleen Sullivan, Clatsop County commissioner; and Pam Wev, Clatsop County commissioner.

More information is available at indivisiblenorthcoastoregon.org/p/speak-truth-2019-inco-regional-summit.html and at incoregon.org.

Volunteer-run groups need your help

MANZANITA — If you're looking to contribute to any of the area's wonderful local volunteer-run organizations, you're in luck: They need you!

The Community Volunteer Fair is a chance to meet these organizations and find out what they do and how you can help. The event takes place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Pine Grove Community House, 225 Laneda Ave.

Chat with representatives from the Nehalem Valley Historical Society, Rainy Day Village Network, Hoffman Center For the Arts, Garibaldi Historic U.S. Coast Guard Boat-house, Tillamook K-9 Rescue, City of Manzanita, Hope Chest Thrift Shop, Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, Sammy's Place, Muttzanita Festival, Lower Nehalem Community Trust, Manzanita Visitors Center, Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay and Women's Club of Manzanita/North County.



Manzanita Visitors Center

Volunteers with the Lower Nehalem Community Trust.

Whether you're a full-time or part-time resident, or just visit a few times a year, our communities are always looking for folks to lend a hand and help enrich this place we all love.

Questions? Contact the Manzanita Visitors Center at 503-812-5510 or info@exploremanzanita.com. The event is brought to you by the Manzanita Visitors Center and sponsored by Visit Tillamook Coast.

Panel examines housing crisis, homelessness

SEASIDE — The Seaside American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, in the loft of Beach Books, 616 Broadway St.

Three panelists will speak on the Housing Crisis and Homeless: Alan Evans, founder of the Helping Hands outreach program; Tita Montero, a Seaside City Councilor; and a representative from the Seaside School District will share expertise on these challenging issues in our community. Everyone is invited to this meeting.

Seaside AAUW is part of a 130-plus-year-old national organization that

seeks to empower women and children. The branch sponsors three local scholarships for women and will join the Astoria AAUW to present its 17th annual WINGS conference at Clatsop Community College on Saturday, Feb. 9.

The daylong WINGS conference is free to women interested in returning to school to complete their GEDs, start or finish certificates or degrees, or develop or update job skills. Workshops help women meet their educational or career goals.

Contact clatsopcc.edu or call 503-717-1852 for information on the conference.