

## Challenging Corporate Power, Asserting the People's Rights Getting Started

If you're interested in convening a Challenging Corporate Power, Asserting the People's Rights study group, here are a few tips for getting started:

- You don't need any special skills or knowledge. Anyone can start a study group!
- **Announce** the formation of the group in print and anywhere people gather:
  - local community or organization bulletin boards
  - newsletters
  - newspapers
  - websites
  - at meetings
  - coffee shops
  - bookstores
  - union halls
- WILPF has created two kinds of promotional **flyers** that you can use as is or modify — or you can make your own.
- **Collect names**, phone numbers, and addresses of people who are interested.
- **Find a place** to hold the meeting. This can be in someone's home, in a community center, a union hall, a church or synagogue or mosque, or anyplace where a small group can hear each other easily to talk.
- When you have six to ten people who are interested, **find a two-hour time slot** when everyone can get together for the initial session.
- **Duplicate** the materials for Session I and Session II before the meeting. Distribute Session I materials at the beginning of the meeting and Session II materials at the end.
- At the first session, be sure that the group commits to **democratically sharing responsibilities** — rotate who facilitates, who coordinates logistics like photocopying the readings, who phones or emails reminders about the next meeting, and so forth. Just because you have convened the group doesn't mean you have to do all the work!
- The information for everything else you need can be found in the cover sheets and readings for the sessions. If you have questions or need any help, contact WILPF at 565 Boylston Street, Second Floor, Boston, MA 02116, phone: 617.266.0999, fax: 617.266.1688, email [web@wilpf.org](mailto:web@wilpf.org), and ask for a Corporations v. Democracy team member to contact you.

- **Local organizations** that might be interested in this kind of discussion group include unions, co-ops, consumer groups, faith-based communities with social responsibility or social action committees, peace organizations, environmental groups, college and university campuses, and local chapters or branches of the Alliance for Democracy, Green Party, and Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs).