

Sydney Alliance has run thirteen local conversations across Sydney in the last two weeks. Each time has been a session of profound sharing.

One member from the Hills said “While we are facing the storm, we’re all in this different boats. Some people have a yacht, and others have a plank of wood. These conversations help us understand more deeply what our neighbours are going through”

So on May 20th we are hosting a zoom conversation with diverse local leaders in your area. We ask leaders to share their experience of Covid-19, who they see falling through the cracks and to imagine what our community could look like if we worked together as people of the common good. If there’s appetite – and there was at the first meeting – we want to get organised and act together.

Parramatta & Surrounds

(Westmead, Wentworthville, Northmead, Winston Hills etc)

May 20th 9:30am-11am

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83842791634>

RSVP direct to Jazmine jaz.tenemas247@gmail.com

Local conversations...

Whether a disaster is natural or economic, we know that two things are critical in a crisis: relationships & coordination. Join a *local organising conversation in your neighbourhood* to support, organise and connect local people and civic leaders. What's happening "out there", what can we act on together. We start by listening to each other, then organise to meet with local MPs and councillors on the emerging, collective problems we face. Each of us brings different resources and insights to the table.



SYDNEY ALLIANCE

Local Organising 2020



We know that two things are critical in a crisis: **relationships & coordination**. Sydney Alliance is establishing **Local Organising Groups** across Sydney to support, organise and connect local civic leaders.

Purpose



Our goal is not to add another thing to busy and exhausted leaders' schedules...

The Local Organising Groups will aim to create a space that is **useful, stimulating and relational**.

Building Relationships



Groups form around a key local leader and build out, **bringing people together** and helping to find new leaders from the community.

The groups will be a space for **sharing** and **reflection**, to help us contextualise the crisis we are facing.

Training



The groups will operate with a culture and practice that teaches **community organising**, to share these skills and **build power in the wider community**

These groups will connect leaders to **resources** and **people** to help find solutions to local issues together.

Action



Local Organising Groups can help turn **private pain** into **public action**, by listening to people's stories and working with local organisations to create change.

Through collective **action** and **reflection** these groups will help to develop **strong community leaders**