



FOOD NOT BOMBS PRESENTATION



Food Not Bombs co-founder Keith McHenry is a dynamic, inspiring and experienced public speaker with a wealth of knowledge about the global movement Food Not Bombs, community organizing, nonviolent civil resistance, poverty and hunger, disaster relief, alternative media, human rights, homelessness, domestic surveillance and the history of the peace and social justice movement. He has traveled all over the world collecting food, cooking, sharing free meals and working for peace, justice and the environment. He has volunteered with many groups including the Clamshell Alliance, Earth First!, Pledge of Resistance, the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee and Food Not Bombs. Mr. McHenry helped start and promote the micro-powered radio movement in North America, a national campaign to end police violence and the anti-globalization movement in the United States. He co-founded San Francisco Liberation Radio, Indymedia, Homes Not Jails and the October 22nd No Police Brutality Day.

Food Not Bombs shares free vegetarian food in hundreds of communities all over the world. Keith helped start the first chapter in Boston in 1980 and the second group in San Francisco in 1988. He designed the movement's logo and co-wrote the book, *Food Not Bombs, How to Feed the Hungry and Build Community*. Keith collects, cooks and serves free food with his local chapter in Taos, New Mexico. He also has a unique view of global efforts to end war and poverty. He maintains the Food Not Bombs website and answers the movements toll free number and is in daily contact with activists from all over the world. Keith can share what he has learned from helping start

new Food Not Bombs groups and working with activist from all around the globe.

Food Not Bombs has no formal leaders and each chapter is autonomous yet the movement is united around the principles of nonviolence, that decisions are made by consensus, that the food is free to anyone who wants it and that the food is vegetarian or vegan. Food Not Bombs has inspired several generations of dedicated activists.

Keith was arrested over 100 times for "making a political statement" by sharing free food in San Francisco. According to the district attorney he has spent over 500 nights in jail for his peaceful protest against militarism. The San Francisco Police beat him 13 times and tortured him 3 times. In 1994 Keith was framed under the California Three Strikes law. Amnesty International campaigned for Keith's unconditional release and his case was taken up by the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland. He is listed by the U.S. State Department as one of America's 100 most dangerous people and Food Not Bombs and Indymedia are listed on the FBI's Terrorist Watch List. In May 2006 Keith was taken off a flight from Turkey and questioned for over an hour by Homeland Security about his work with Food Not Bombs. The contents of his wallet were input into a Homeland Security database.

Mr. McHenry has been featured in numerous books including *A Peoples History of the United States* by Howard Zinn, *No Trespassing* by Anders Corr, and *Interviews With Icons* by Lisa Law. There is a chapter about Keith in *50 American Revolutions You're Not Supposed to Know* by Mickey Z. His work is featured in a number of books including *Recipes for Disaster* by CrimethInc., *Food Not Lawns*, by Heather Coburn Flores and *The Revolution Will Not Be Microwaved* by Sandor Ellix Katz. Keith's character has appeared in several novels including *Walking to Mercury* by Starhawk and in the play *Murder Now?* by The Boston Theater Workshop. He is also featured in a number of documentaries including *The Art of Being Mayor* by Steve Tobin and *Flashing on the Sixties* by Lisa Law.

Keith has been a keynote speaker at many colleges and events. He has spoken at Oberlin College,

University of Northern Arizona, MIT, The University of Toronto, San Francisco State, University of Calabar Nigeria, National Autonomous University of Mexico DF, the National Convention of the Campus Outreach Opportunity League in Cleveland, Ohio, the Bioneers Conference, and the founding of Americorp at Treasure Island in San Francisco. He has also spoke in over 50 communities on the *Unfair Trade Tour* and 60 cities on *The Rent is Theft Tour*, over 40 cities in Europe and the Middle East on *The Drop Bush Not Bombs Tour* as well as at universities through Europe, Mexico, Canada, Africa, the Middle East and the United States. Keith has visited Africa several times and spoke on non-violent resistance and community organizing at a celebration of Gandhi's birthday and to the National Association of Nigerian Students. He also met with Nigeria's leading human-rights activists, musicians and student organizers.

Keith has been interviewed by many journalists appearing in many of the world's largest publications and news programs. His work in Africa was featured on SBS TV's program *Dateline* in Australia and re-broadcast on Link TV.

Consider inviting Mr. McHenry to speak to your community. Speaking fees are reasonable. Your community will find Keith's message hopeful, motivating and full of useful information sure to be an inspiration to everyone.

Schedule a Food Not Bombs presentation today.
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