

After introductions, the attendees of the 2012 Strategy Session broke off into small groups to discuss their ideas. The groups reported back the following lists:

(**** means a concern was raised about the idea)

Group 1:

Issues and events to act on or to bring awareness to:

- Mining of uranium in Southern VA
- Educating Occupiers about the General Assembly of Virginia
- Target specific campaigns and people (delegates, senators, and lobbyists)
- Join with the 11 other Occupations who have Fed Reserves in their cities for combined action
- Join January 16th's mass call for Fed Reserve protests
- Concerts with big-name artists to bring awareness to issues

Tactics and strategies for success:

- Establishing a ORVA research team
- Mapping ORVA allies for specific uses (**** can be subpoenaed)
- Working towards making campaigns more focused and informed
- More autonomy for workgroups to prevent having GA discuss every little thing- but with better coordination.
- Embracing a diversity of tactics while maintaining a centralized way to bring people back together
- Reaching out to Anti-Occupiers
- Concerts/events for the purpose of enjoyment
- Tailoring our message towards different groups
- Looking and joining other groups and organizations for mutual help

Group 2:

Issues and events to act on or to bring awareness to:

- Targeting VA general assembly for direct action
- Targeting HB 1 by joining force with Women's Rights and pro choice groups
- 2012 elections...hold workshops, people's elections, information and education drives
- National call for reoccupying on March 15th

Tactics and strategies for success:

- Lobbying to broaden HB 16 bill to get more felon's voting rights restored
- Endorsing other events that other groups do
- Attending and supporting events by other organizations and forums
- Mini occupations for listening campaigns and help community projects and centers
- Take a space in the next year and turn into to something
- Establish or utilize existing community calendars
- Make ORVA endorsements and promotions a big deal
- Two GA's a week with a third meeting a week that is educational (**** 1 GA a week was mentioned)

- We are gonna see thing going fast in this Virginia General Assembly, and we must be prepared ASAP

Group 3

Issues and events to act on or to bring awareness to:

- January 11th GITMO protest in DC
- Micro-pyng at places around the city

Tactics and strategies for success:

- Effective communication
- Relying on each other
- Consistent small groups in public spaces
- Help with media by giving them support
- Solidifying the decision making process
- Use food to draw in people
- Assist other organizations such as Food Not Bombs, etc.
- Educating people/occupiers about issues