## **Questions for the Grassroots Solutions to Corporate Power Workshops**

## Money in Democracy Theme

## Policy Making,

- 1. How do expenditures on lobbying compare to campaign expenditures?
- 2. What sectors are the biggest funders of corporate lobbying?
- 3. How did the early lobbyists operate?
- 4. How has our right to petition the government been manipulated by corporations?
- 5. How do lobbyists influence policymakers?
- 6. What is the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)?
- 7. How has conservative philanthropy influenced policymaking?
- 8. How does Congress work as a lobbyist training school?
- 9. How influential was/is the Occupy Movement?
- 10. How did the Populists deal with Public Policy?
- 11. How does the Power Elite work?
- 12. Who was Alexander Hamilton & what heritage did he create?
- 13. How does the Revolving door work?
- 14. Are our public policies "Insanity"?
- 15. What are the impacts of Think tanks?
- 16. What are the most effective corporate Think Tanks?
- 17. How can we make policy makers loyal to the common good?

18. How can Community Rights ordinances keep the depredations of corporate policy makers out of our lives?

- 19. How are corporations involved with Federal Advisory committees?
- 20. How are DC NGOs trying to deal with the revolving door?
- 21. How can we separate Corporations and State?

## POLICY MAKING TALKING POINTS

Public Policy Making is a Failure because the corporate goal is to challenge governmental authority

Lobbyists Dominate Government policy making

Money Power is Corrupting Our Politics

Our Future is in the Balance: policy to save our health, economy and planet can not be implemented

Wall Street Empire Threatens our Security

Help End Corporate Personhood

Occupy the Empire

Start Public Banking Institutions

**Create Alternatives** 

Support the We the People Amendment

Promote an Ethical Public Service

Separate Corporations & State

Join the Revolution of Values