

Fridays @ Fetterman’s Weekly Peace Vigil

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**Overview of Event**

**Teach-In for Ceasefire in Gaza, Peace Walk, Peace Vigil**

**What?**

The [**Fridays @ Fetterman’s**](https://fridays-at-fettermans.mailchimpsites.com/) Vigil Organizing Committee is planning to hold a special event on **Friday, March 8, 2024** that includes a Ceasefire Teach-In in the morning at **Arch Street Friends Meeting, 320 Arch Street**, in Philadelphia.

The Teach-In will include panels of presenters and individuals presenters that address these topics:

* Palestinian Americas & Jewish Americans Working Together for a Ceasefire in Gaza
* Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza: Crisis in War; Hopes for Gaza after a Ceasefire
* Inside the Beltway: Building Support for a Ceasefire in Gaza in the U.S. Congress

We also plan to include art, music, poetry, and small group discussions at the Teach-In.

**Confirmed Speakers/Performers to Date**

* Sam Kuttab, Palestinian-American Ceasefire Activist with Prayers for Peace Partnership
* Kerri Kennedy, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Associate General Secretary for International Programs
* Mike Merryman-Lotze, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Just Peace Global Policy Director
* Rachel Betesh, Jewish-American poet published in *The New Yorker* & *Bennington Review* & a nominee for the Emerging Poet Prize Palette Poetry.

More panelists, presenters, and performers to be announced soon

At the conclusion of the Teach-In, participants will gather to conduct a Peace Walk from Arch Street Friends to Senator Fetterman’s office at 200 Chestnut Street. Once the peace walkers arrive outside Senator Fetterman’s office, we will conduct our regual Friday afternoon Peace Vigil with one or two high-profile speakers presenting at the vigil.

Proposed Schedule

*8:30 am to 9:00 am* Participants gather and enjoy coffee and light breakfast fare.

*9:00 am to 11:45 am* Teach-In: presentations, performances, and small group discussions are conducted.

*11:45 am to 11:55 am* Adjournment & Break to use restrooms, etc.

Participants gather together and prepare for the Peace Walk.

*11:55 am to 12:15 pm* Peace Walk processes from Arch Street Friends Meeting House to Senator Fetterman’s office.

12:15 pm to 1:15 pm Fridays @ Fetterman’s weekly peace vigil is held outside Senator Fetterman's office.

**Why**

The Friday’s @ Fetterman’s Vigil Organizing Committee is seeking educate and engage the peacemakers who have been faithfully attending the weekly vigils in an interactive learning experience with fellow activists, humanitarians, and political professionals working for a Ceasefire in Gaza.

The Friday’s @ Fetterman’s Vigil Organizing Committee also hopes to educate and engage more members of the general public in an interactive learning experience that inspires them to join the ceasefire movement for Gaza.

The Friday’s @ Fetterman’s Vigil Organizing Committee is seeking to increase awareness about and participation in the weekly peace vigil outside of Senator Fetterman’s Philadelphia office.

**What is the numerical goal for participation?**

The Friday’s @ Fetterman’s Vigil Organizing Committee has set a goal of 100 participants for the Teach-In/Peace Walk/Peace Vigil.

**Registration**

Although we will not charge folks for attending, we will require that they register in advance. An online registration site is being developed.