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IMMIGRANT WORKERS FORM THE NATION'S FIRST WORKER CENTER FEDERATION IN NEW YORK CITY

Immigrant worker leaders from six workers centers from across New York City, will march together on May First to demonstrate the formation of the New York Workers Center Federation. "It's a historic time for the immigrant workers movement in New York," said one of the conveners, Daniel Carrillo, "one that represents and is led by workers themselves."

During a series of trainings, workers from these centers voted to come together and create a space for joint worker leadership development and movement building. They recognized the unharnessed power and diversity of New York City's workers and what it could mean if they were to join forces. "We're cab drivers, street vendors, retail workers, restaurant workers, domestic workers- from Haiti, Ecuador, Nigeria, China, Bangladesh. We represent every type of work from every country in the world and we're all here together in New York. If we all fight, why can't we win?" says organizer, Rosanna Aran.

The Workers Center Federation will march together on May First to demonstrate their solidarity and plans to work together in years to come. Worker leaders will also announce the innovative multiracial and immigrant worker leadership program the Delfino Institute, named after an immigrant worker killed on the job in Staten Island. The federation plans to develop worker leaders and move workers up the ranks into leadership positions within the New York City Labor and Immigration movements.

WHAT: Workers make history in NYC by forming the first Federation run by and for immigrant workers in the city.

WHO: Workers from Street Vendor Project, El Centro, NICE, Laundry Workers Center, Enlace, DRUM, Cidado Global

WHERE and WHEN: 4:30-5 PM - Gandhi statue in Union Sq. (Union Square West and W 14th/15 St)

VISUALS: Dozens of workers representing every nation in the world and every industry marching behind the banner, WORKER POWER, chanting in their respective languages

Questions? Want to interview an organizer of this event? Contact: Rosanna Aran, rosaran18@gmail.com, 347-652-5724

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