

# **Advisory Group on Forced Evictions Fact-Finding Mission to New Orleans Schedule**

***July 26<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup> 2009***

## **July 26<sup>th</sup> – panel discussion and town hall meeting**

Advisory Group members, local community groups and local residents participate in a panel discussion looking at instances of forced eviction post-Katrina. Groups from across the Gulf Coast, including the Louisiana Justice Institute, Advocates for Environmental Human Rights and Mayday New Orleans will be represented on the panel. A town hall meeting after the panel session will allow residents to speak directly to the AGFE mission on their experiences with forced eviction. The event will take place at McDonogh 42 Elementary School·1651 North Tonti Street · New Orleans, LA.

## **July 27<sup>th</sup> – site visits**

**A.M.:** AGFE mission tours abandoned buildings and meets New Orleans residents made homeless by Hurricane Katrina who have been squatting in the buildings since the storm. Visit to be led by local homelessness advocacy group UNITY of Greater New Orleans.

**P.M.:** Committee to Reopen Charity Hospital leads the delegation on a tour of Mid City where there are plans to displace the current community to build the new Louisiana State University hospital. The delegation will speak to Mid City residents concerning their pending displacement.

## **July 28<sup>th</sup> – site visits**

Members of Mayday New Orleans and Survivors Village take the AGFE mission on a tour of demolished public housing sites and other locations to meet with displaced former residents.

## **July 29<sup>th</sup> – meetings with New Orleans officials**

The AGFE mission meets with NOLA officials, including the mayor's office and Housing Authority of New Orleans, to discuss their findings.

## **July 30<sup>th</sup> – meetings with federal officials**

AGFE mission travels to Washington, D.C. to meet with federal officials involved in disaster recovery.

## **July 31<sup>st</sup> – meetings with federal officials**

Further meetings with federal officials in Washington, D.C.