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SUNDAY SEMINAR

SUNDAY 17th November 2013

9.45am – 12.30pm

9 Alexandra Ave, Croydon NSW

TOPIC: How Can Civil Society be Strengthened?

SPEAKER: Sr. Maribeth Larkin



Sr. Maribeth is coming to Australia at the invitation of The Sydney Alliance. "The Sydney Alliance brings together diverse community organisations, unions and religious organisations to advance the common good and achieve a fair, just and sustainable city. The Sydney Alliance is a non-party political organisation."

Sister Maribeth Larkin is a vowed member of the Sisters of Social Service of Los Angeles. In 1976, while doing parish - based social work at Dolores Mission Parish in East Los Angeles, she began participating as a leader with the United Neighborhoods Organization (UNO), a local organization affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation. She was hired as an organizer with UNO in 1978. From 1980 through 1983, she worked in New York as lead organizer of the Queens Citizens Organization, she then moved to Texas and for 15 years worked in the development of a statewide network of strong church and congregation- based organizations. Sister Maribeth returned to Los Angeles in the spring of 1999 to assist in rebuilding IAF's organizing presence in Los Angeles. Since 2007, after returning to Los Angeles, Sister Maribeth and senior IAF organizer Tom Holler have worked as Co-Leads of One LA/IAF.

In her organizing work, Sister Maribeth assists institutional leaders from churches, synagogues, schools and unions in learning how to develop relational power and engage in a process of practical democracy. She teaches ordinary people how to shape and influence public policy around issues including education reform, increasing wages and benefits, and health care availability.

In addition to her organizing work, in 2005 through 2010, Sister Maribeth was an elected member of the General Council of the Sisters of Social Service.

Come along and bring some interested people with you.

Cost \$10 if able. Morning tea is provided.

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