TivnUSY: Building Justice

What to Expect

HANDS-ON WORK WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

We will be in the field for real, hands-on work, joining “homeless villages” as they build tiny houses, and getting our hands dirty with urban agriculture and native habitat restoration. Our work will be connected to the big-picture questions of opportunity and social change. As we learn from our larger community and listen to stories that we don’t always get to hear, we will move toward a wider form of justice that includes us all.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN A JEWISH CONTEXT

What does “communal responsibility” mean, as an ancient and contemporary Jewish ideal? What has our own community done when facing hunger and hardship, and how did it make us re-think where we draw the lines of who is “in” and who is “out”? Classical and modern texts will be our guides as we explore opportunities and discover possibilities for change. Shabbat celebrations, activities with local teens, and meet-ups with Jewish leaders and change-makers will all be woven into our Portland experience, in town and out in the amazing Pacific Northwest.

Participants will meet educators, speakers, and activists who can share first-hand knowledge about issues of affordable shelter and life in the modern urban environment. Nothing is abstract about our work: the stories we’ll hear and the teachers we encounter on field trips to “homeless villages” and housing developments created by and for Oregon farmworkers keep us connected to the world where our energy can make a real impact.

RECREATION AND ADVENTURE

Sunny and dry summers and wild natural beauty are always the stars of a Portland trip. Maybe add a raucous pro-soccer game, the vintage amusement park, hiking Multnomah Falls, exploring the Deschutes, and great sight-seeing in America’s weirdest, wonderful-est city.

*As the trip gets closer, our sample itinerary will explain what you can expect day by day.*