



Helping working families across NYS

**HONORING SUPER STORM SANDY SERVICE  
NYS AFL-CIO & WDI  
“Helping people understand what we do.”**

**Writing Workshops**

The Workforce Development Institute (WDI) and the NYS AFL-CIO are documenting the role of workers and volunteers in addressing the devastation caused by Super Storm Sandy by collecting workers' photographs and stories of how Sandy has affected New Yorkers and what we are all doing to help our neighbors.

All are encouraged to submit their photographs and stories to WDI at [photos@wdiny.org](mailto:photos@wdiny.org).

WDI has scheduled a series of workshops to help workers tell their stories of Sandy and its aftermath. The workshops have been scheduled for the following dates and times. Workers can attend one or as many of the workshops as they want.

**The Workshops are free! They will be taught by Esther Cohen.**

**All workshops will be held in the UAW Conference Room,  
256 West 38th Street on the 12th floor.**

- **Wednesday, January 30**
  - 9:00 am**
  - Noon**
  - 6:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, February 6**
  - 9:00 am**
  - Noon**
  - 6:00 pm**

**RSVP is NOT required but if there are any questions, please call Sue Hains at 518-272-3500 ext 105 or Sonia Ivany at 212-777-6040.**

**Read More about Sandy Stories**

**Sandy Stories**

The Workforce Development Institute (WDI) and the NYS AFL-CIO are documenting the role of union members, workers and volunteers in addressing the devastation of Super Storm Sandy.

WDI's **unseenamericaNYS** program has a long history of offering photography and writing workshops across New York State. WDI has hosted exhibits in schools, universities; city, union and town halls; museums and commercial spaces.

WDI is collecting photographs of the devastation caused by Sandy and the reconstruction efforts of workers and volunteers. These photographs and stories will become part of WDI's permanent archive and be available to be shared.

WDI is also collecting stories of how Sandy has affected New Yorkers and what we are all doing to help our neighbors.

All are encouraged to submit their photographs and stories to WDI at **[photos@wdiny.org](mailto:photos@wdiny.org)**.

This winter WDI will create exhibits to be hosted in NYC and Albany.

WDI is committed to protecting the integrity of each submission and giving credit to those who contribute to this collection. We are all artists and creative members of our communities.

Please send your photographs and stories to **[photos@wdiny.org](mailto:photos@wdiny.org)**. You will receive an automatic thank you notice via a return email with a link to a License of Rights and photo description form. To protect the integrity of your work these forms **MUST** be completed, signed and mailed or faxed to Susan Hains before WDI can exhibit your photo(s). Susan Hains, WDI, 433 River Street ,Suite 1009, Troy, NY 12180 or Fax # 518-272-3501

In early 2013 WDI will curate exhibits in NYC and Albany of selected photographs which will compellingly tell the story of Sandy and the dedication of New York's public & private workers, as well as highlight the strength and resilience of all New Yorkers.

In early 2013 WDI will host writing workshops for those who want help telling the story of Sandy in their own words. Dates and locations will be announced in December.

More information is available on the WDI website **[www.wdiny.org](http://www.wdiny.org)** and on the Workforce Development Institute's Facebook page at **[www.facebook.com/wdiny](http://www.facebook.com/wdiny)** .

For more information please contact Sue Hains at (518) 272-3500 ext 105.