

For Immediate Release:

Who: United Front to Abolish the Security Housing Units (SHU)

What: Unlock the Box: An Organizing Conference to Shut Down Prison Control Units

When: Saturday October 8, 2005
9:30am- 6:00pm

Where: Cell Space
2050 Bryant Street (near 18th street)
San Francisco, CA

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Unlock the Box is a product of many years of struggle to shut down the Security Housing Units in California. During this time, the United Front to Abolish the SHU was created as a forum to coordinate the actions of everyone involved in this campaign. Since its creation, the United Front has continued to expand in membership and in the number of people we reach with our message. This conference is a step in the process of building more unity with groups all over the country and the world who are engaged in the struggle to end this torture.

The goals of Unlock the Box include increasing communication between groups over a wider geographic area, coming up with plans of action to strengthen those connections and expand our struggle, and strengthening our cause through mass participation. The event will be a combination of presenters with vast experience in this struggle and working groups to come up with plans of action, with performances and food in between.

As the date approaches we will be contacting everyone with a more specific schedule and plan. Until then, we welcome your input, help and donations to make that happen.

United Front Mission Statement: The United Front to Abolish the SHU is dedicated to shutting down Security Housing Units (SHUs) in California prisons. The SHU is one type of control unit, which are solitary or small group confinement cells. The inhuman conditions in control units, including total sensory deprivation, amount to torture. The United Front to Abolish the SHU demands that all control units be abolished across the country.

Participating organizations include: Barrio Defense Committee, Maoist Internationalist Movement, Chicano Mexicano Prison Project, Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist League, African People's Solidarity Committee, Studies for Liberation of Aztlan and Latin America, Committee on Raza Rights, Justice for Palestinians.

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