

# 15 Years of Human Rights Abuses at Guantanamo— SHUT IT DOWN!



Wednesday  
January 11 2017  
4:00-5:30 PM  
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Bridge  
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and Grand

## VISIBILITY ACTION

Join Portlanders for a visibility action calling to close down the prison camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, exactly 15 years to the day after it opened. Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group will use its 12-foot-tall "tower of peace" to call attention to the notorious prison where about 60 people still languish in a facility that has been home to violations of international law on a daily basis.

This will be both a last-ditch effort to ask President Obama to fulfill his promise to close the prison camp and a plea to incoming President Trump and Congress as well. Amnesty International is currently working on a campaign to get President Obama to close the prison before he leaves office: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/CloseGuantanamo>

Many held at the facility have not always had proper access to legal help; many have been exposed to harsh conditions that have been described as torture. Many of the detainees have been cleared for release. Only a few were convicted of crimes. Organizers of the event believe that continuing to hold people in an off-shore prison without prosecution is an unacceptable violation of human rights, which is inspiring people to take action against the United States in acts of so-called "terrorism." It is time to shut it down.

*Event coordinated by Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group, cosponsored by Portland Close Guantanamo Coalition, Amnesty International Group 48, Jewish Voice for Peace-Portland, Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights and others.*

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