



Atlanta DSA
Quick Start Guide

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What is Atlanta DSA?

People are fed up with a system that benefits the rich and ignores the rest. Whether it's healthcare, economic inequality, the student debt crisis, housing justice, police brutality, or open racism, people are realizing that the current state of affairs is unsustainable. [Democratic Socialism](#) is about tackling these issues head on. We want to build working class unity and give power back to the people who not only work hardest for it, but who are being ignored the most.

Making our lives better starts with understanding that we are united with one another. [Atlanta DSA](#) (ATL DSA) is the Atlanta chapter of the [Democratic Socialists of America](#), and exists to organize people in the Atlanta into a mass movement to challenge the unjust system that keeps the rich in power and the people in poverty.



How Do We Win?

We win by building power to challenge injustice. That power can be exercised in many ways throughout our communities: providing mutual aid to our neighbors in need; providing people power for community actions and protests; voting for representatives who will work to actually change the conditions that punish working people.

Most people feel individually powerless because they do not see the power that comes in numbers. Atlanta DSA exists to bring individuals together in solidarity with one another and mobilize those individuals in service of all in our community.

We have individuals and groups who are devoted to working in many different areas with the same overall goal: to bring power back to the people. When we demonstrate that we have the power to make concrete, material changes in our community, we win.



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ATLDSA

General Meetings

General Meetings are the highest political authority of the chapter, where membership sets the policies and priorities of the chapter. General Meetings are held monthly and are open to all members.

Steering Committee

steering@atlds.org

Co-Chairs: Shafeka H, Chelsea S

Recording Secretary: Sumter A

Membership Secretary: Joshua M

Treasurer: Nikhil P

At-Large: Uzma A, Nate K, Josh T

Resources

[Member Portal](#)

[Code Of Conduct](#)

[Bylaws](#)

[Policies](#)

[Events](#)

Slack

[Slack](#) is a messaging app for organizing digitally.

Email membership@atlds.org to join.

Review our [Slack Policy](#).

Get Involved: Campaigns

Issue-based organizing groups

Defund APD, Refund Communities (DARC)

darc@atlds.org

#wg-defund-apd

Ecosocialism

ecosocialism@atlds.org

#wg-ecosocialism

Labor

labor@atlds.org

#wg-labor

Electoral

electoral@atlds.org

#wg-electoral

Get Involved: Branches

Neighborhood organizing groups

atlds.org/branches

Cobb Cherokee

cobbcherokee@atlds.org

#branch-cobb-cherokee

East Atlanta

eastatlanta@atlds.org

#branch-east-atlanta

Greater Decatur

greaterdecaturn@atlds.org

#branch-greater-decaturn

North Fulton

northfulton@atlds.org

#branch-north-fulton

Northeast Georgia

northeastga@atlds.org

#branch-northeast-ga

West Midtown

midtown@atlds.org

#branch-west-midtown

Get Involved: Caucuses

Identity-based social groups

Accessibility & Disability

#caucus-disability-and-accessibility

Afrosocialists & Socialists of Color

afrosoc@atlds.org

#caucus-afro-soc

Rainbow Roses (LGBTQ+)

rainbowroses@atlds.org

#caucus-rainbow-roses