



Our members were campaign leaders across the Commonwealth, and the **Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts** provided organizing and strategy workshops for campaign workers across Massachusetts.



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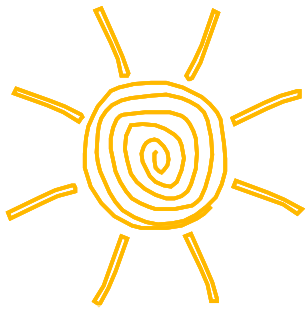
Growing the Grassroots

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The Grassroots Growing Season

Grassroots campaigns are expanding participation and redefining the political landscape. And while the list of progressive accomplishments is growing, often when the campaign season ends, the organizations are dismantled and momentum is lost. We believe grassroots activism is too important to have a short growing season.

The Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts (PDM) work to define and advance the progressive agenda at the state and local level by strengthening progressive activists. With pragmatic training and networks that span election cycles, we support one another as well as progressive causes and candidates across the Commonwealth.

Training

Increase your effectiveness. PDM brings in top trainers from Camp Wellstone, DEMOS and others to teach leadership, framing, organizing and strategy workshops.

Networking

PDM chapters across the Commonwealth help progressives share support and strategies. We're building infrastructure, including web tools, that span campaigns.

Revenue Policy

Underlying so many progressive reforms is the question of the budget. PDM's revenue working group suggests policy and creates discussion papers and talking points.

History

In the wake of the 2002 gubernatorial election, we set out to build a statewide organization that could make a difference in electing progressive Democrats to public office and work hard to articulate and implement a progressive agenda. In September 2005, PDM was one of the first statewide organizations to endorse Deval Patrick for Governor.

2008 Campaigns

Each year, the Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts organization looks across the state and chooses six progressive candidates who will make a difference in the legislature. In 2008, the "PDM Half Dozen" that received our financial and volunteer support were: Carl Sciortino, Ken Donnelly, Jamie Eldridge, Astrid af Klinteberg, Jim O'Donnell, and Doug Belanger. The selection process for 2009 will begin this summer.

PDM worked creatively, alongside other activists, to oppose the ballot initiative to repeal the state income tax. We organized calls to legislators, wrote editorials and letters to the editor, and created talking points and fliers to explain the issue and consequences.

