

# Organizing Activism

## INNER WORK

Community engagement means to have community involvement from beginning to the end, which fuels the passion that drives any movement. Seeing yourself in the movement is how we can begin to lift our cause higher. The beauty in community engagement is finding individuals who share the same experiences as us and finding space to see ourselves in one another, rising together in unity. It all starts with beginning an inner conversation with yourself, and expanding to dialogue with your community.

### SELF CHECK-IN

I believe in making changes that I'm passionate about. Right now, I'm passionate about

\_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a cause you're passionate about)

When I think about the injustice of \_\_\_\_\_ , I feel \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(an injustice you want to change) (emotion)

When I think about the word activism and how I can make a difference, I feel \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(emotion)

No matter what these feelings are, I can use them to guide me towards making a positive impact.  
But I know that I can't do this alone.

There are already people who have been making the changes I want to see in the world.

I can follow the footsteps of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
(an influential figure or community you resonate with)

who inspires me with their \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(your favorite qualities about this influential figure or community)

One thing they've done to progress our world forward is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(an action they've taken or initiative they've started)

I know I can't do everything, but I know I can do something.

I will use my \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ voice to promote my vision of a better world,  
(adjectives to describe your unique voice)

a world where \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a short description of your vision)

I am ready to give my **time / talents / money / platforms** to do what I believe is right.  
(circle all that apply)

I believe in my own unique power to affect change, no matter how big or small.

## QUOTES BY MY FAVORITE ACTIVISTS AND CHANGEMAKERS

We as a community can never reach our full potential if we don't reach back to the past to make the present stronger. The most effective form of activism is when we make it personal. Personal by standing up for the issues that have impacted us, personal by bringing the people we love with us. Remember that activists and change-makers do not have to be famous or well-known. They can be people you can engage with everyday.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What inspires me to take action?

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Who or what gets in the way of my ability to speak up?

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A world that I would be proud to live in looks like...

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# OUTER WORK

## HOW I CAN ADVOCATE

Each moment in our life is purposeful and we've each been given the tools around us to achieve our full calling in that moment. Whether it's your personal privilege, your social media platforms, your ability to stand up for a co-worker being discriminated against, your voice, or your vote, use it all in the name of justice and to speak truth to power. We can be advocates for the people in our everyday lives and the issues that impact our most vulnerable communities.

<p><b>My Money</b></p> <p>What businesses, nonprofits, and fundraisers can you support?</p>			
<p><b>My Talents</b></p> <p>What are your skills? What do you enjoy doing?</p>			
<p><b>My Platforms</b></p> <p>In what spaces, virtual or physical, do you have a voice?</p>			
<p><b>My Time</b></p> <p>When in your schedule can you devote time to your cause?</p>			

## MORE WAYS I CAN TAKE ACTION

In order to change a system, one must disrupt it. When the formal avenues such as lobbying our elected officials or gathering petitions aren't moving the movement forward, you must become more radical in your approach.

Impacting the status quo through boycotts and protest is another effective way to push for change and make one's demands heard. It's also important to realize that art and creativity can be used as an anchor to spark passion in others and move folks into action. Lastly, never underestimate the power of asking! It's vital that you use your voice to invite and encourage your family and friends to get involved, to volunteer, to donate, and to vote!

FORMAL TACTICS	INFORMAL TACTICS
<input type="checkbox"/> Vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficult conversations
<input type="checkbox"/> Sign a petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Divesting funds
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact my local official	<input type="checkbox"/> Boycott
<input type="checkbox"/> Donate to a fundraiser	<input type="checkbox"/> Protest
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational Forums	<input type="checkbox"/> Die-in
<input type="checkbox"/> Run for office	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk-outs
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic non-cooperation
<input type="checkbox"/> Support a local business or nonprofit	<input type="checkbox"/> Shut downs
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## CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS IN MY COMMUNITY

Elected officials are elected by the people and their duty should always be to the people! Knowing who's in office to represent you is critical because they can and will make decisions that will impact the lives of you and your community. When you know who they are, you can hold them accountable to do the right things for the community they have vowed to serve.

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Position	Name	Email	Phone Number
Governor			
State Assembly			
State Representative			



