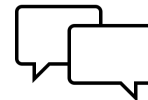


What Community Actions Do We Need to Secure Social Justice?

We live in a time of contentious struggles and people are saying, enough is enough, it's time for change! Alicia Garza, founder of Black Lives Matter, agrees and says social justice, equality, peace, and dignity in our communities is possible through “waves of vibrant, effective, disruptive movements” (2020, p. xi). Communication—what we say and how we say it—is essential to social movements and the processes of social change, revealing our choices about what is the best or right path forward in a particular situation (Jovanovic, 2021).



Round One: Connecting (~5 minutes)



Share your name and what social change you think is needed now and why.

Round Two: What We Say Matters (~10 minutes)

Choose ONE of the questions below to answer in 1-2 minutes.



In what ways have you advanced justice, equality, or peace?

Who should be part of the conversations to advance social justice?

What works to confront speech that hurts or demeans others so we have dignity for all?

Round Three: How We Express Ourselves Matters (~15 minutes)

Choose ONE of the questions below to answer in 1-2 minutes.

When everyone has spoken once, respond to others or address another question of your choice.



What event or person do you think is worth memorializing with a statue and why?

How can you make injustice visible through art, advocacy, or other form of expression?

What does a *good* protest look like to you?

Round Four: Reflections (~10 minutes)

Choose ONE of the questions below to answer in 2 minutes.



What social changes have made life better for you or people you know?

What collective actions could you participate in to create social change in the community?

What new learning or understanding are you taking away from today's conversation?

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