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COLLECTIVE GIVING FOR IMPACT:
PORTLAND & SW WASHINGTON

CONVERSATION CIRCLES 2021

DISCUSSION GUIDE: STRATEGIES FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Social change is the result of many actions, both structural and cultural. It can be slow or abrupt. What strategies advance social change? How do each of us invest in or participate in making social change? In these discussions we will apply a framework for social change to looking at issues in our community. We'll use an equity lens to examine how strategies in play are incorporating racial justice issues in advancing change.

Materials for each session will be provided after you register.

SESSION 1 – MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 @ 12:00PM – 1:30 PM

DISCUSSION TOPIC	What strategies create change?
GOAL	What strategies create change? Learn the wiser giving framework and identify examples of change-making. Examine your own investments into change in your personal philanthropy.
PREPARATION	Familiarize yourself with strategies and preferences by taking the wisergiving.org quiz.

SESSION 2 – MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021 @ 12:00PM – 1:30 PM

DISCUSSION TOPIC	What works? Who leads?
GOAL	What strategies can you influence? Find out more about how others in the group are involved and explore opportunities related to your priorities for social change.
PREPARATION	Familiarize yourself with issues of social change making by reading Driving Social Change, by Paul Light, Nonprofit Quarterly

SESSION 1 – MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021 @ 12:00PM – 1:30 PM

DISCUSSION TOPIC	What roles influence public policy?
GOAL	What are the opportunities and obstacles that affect the success of social change action? What are great examples of success stories in our community of how philanthropy, nonprofits or movement coalitions have changed systems?
PREPARATION	Read “Philanthropy’s Role in Systems Change” by Kris Putnam

RESOURCES ON SOCIAL CHANGE

Kris Putnam, Philanthropy's Role in Systems Change

<http://putnam-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Policy-and-Systems-Change-Paper-2016-09-30-Rev-B.pdf>

Wiser giving.org

<https://wisergiving.org/quiz/9>

Racial Equity Toolkit

Adrienne Maree Brown "Emergent Strategy"

<http://adriennemareebrown.net/tag/emergent-strategy/>

Adjusting to Uncertainty: Systems Thinking with Octavia Butler

<https://movingwriters.org/2021/01/04/adjusting-to-uncertainty-systems-thinking-with-octavia-butler/>

Jennifer Njuguna, Esq. and Heather Hiscox Six Steps for Nonprofits to be Effective Advocates

<https://nonprofitquarterly.org/6-steps-for-nonprofits-to-be-effective-advocates-of-community-supporting-policy/>

Paul Light, Driving Social Change

<https://nonprofitquarterly.org/driving-social-change/>

Vu Le This is the wake up call for nonprofits and foundations to get political

<https://nonprofitaf.com/2020/04/this-is-the-wake-up-call-for-nonprofits-and-foundations-to-get-political/>

Nat Kendall-Taylor & Sean Gibbons Framing for Social Change

https://ssir.org/articles/entry/framing_for_social_change

Movement Building - from Racial Equity Toolkit

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/resources/plan/change-process/movement-building>