Introductions

Name

Pronouns

Location

What inspired you to be here today?
WELCOME,
Social Justice Series Overview

Session 1: Deconstructing #BlackLivesMatter & white supremacy
Session 2: Disability Justice in time of COVID
Session 3: LGBTQ and TGNC Voice in our Communities
Session 4: Building our Future Communities with Transformation Justice
Social Justice Series: Unpacking equity to create community impact
Ground Rules

• Remember we’re not just discussing theory, we’re discussing things that impact folks every single day, including individuals on this call as such the following are necessary for us all to follow:
  • Approach the topics covered today from a place of curiosity, as opposed to defensiveness
  • Honor self and others
  • Communicate your needs throughout the session with Sustainable CT staff
  • Balance sharing and listening
  • Ask questions
Session 2 Agenda

- Disability Justice
  - What it is?
  - Why is it important?
  - Environmental Justice and Disability Justice
    - Ableism
    - COVID-19

- Creating Accessible Communities
  - Moving beyond productivity/ableism
  - Best practices from COVID
What is a value you have outside of Capitalism?

To consider throughout this session
What is Disability & Disability Justice?
What is Disability?
What is Disability Justice?

• The term disability justice was coined out of conversations between disabled queer women of color activists in 2005, including Patty Berne of Sins Invalid (and Mia Mingus & Stacy Milbern, who eventually united with Leroy Moore, Eli Clare, and Sebastian Margaret) seeking to challenge radical and progressive movements to more fully address ableism.

• "Disability Justice was built because the Disability Rights Movement and Disability Studies do not inherently centralize the needs and experiences of folks experiencing intersectional oppression, such as disabled people of color, immigrants with disabilities, queers with disabilities, trans and gender non-conforming people with disabilities, people with disabilities who are houseless, people with disabilities who are incarcerated, people with disabilities who have had their ancestral lands stolen, amongst others." (Source)

• Disability justice recognizes the intersecting legacies of white supremacy, colonial capitalism, gendered oppression and ableism in understanding how people’s’ bodies and minds are labelled ‘deviant’, ‘unproductive’, ‘disposable’ and/or ‘invalid’.
How does this relate to Environmental Justice?
A definition of Environmental Justice?

An equitable movement that addresses and eradicates the root causes (systems) that prevent all individuals from access to basic human needs (food, water, safety, etc.) and the inequitable distribution of resources based on definitions of social constructs that deem certain identities as less than. This movement is built on concepts of Intersectionality, Accountability, transformation, and cross solidarity with all Justice movements.*

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How does this relate to conversations about race?
Let’s break it down.

- 50% of individuals murdered by the police are disabled.
- The PIC is the largest mental health care system in the country.
- Black and Indigenous bodies are the most regulated.
- Having a disability is a cause for baring an individual from immigrating to the United States
INTERSECTIONALITY
LEADERSHIP OF THOSE
MOST IMPACTED
ANTI-CAPITALISM
cross-movement organizing
wholeness
sustainability
cross-disability solidarity
INTERDEPENDENCE
COLLECTIVE
ACCESS
Liberation
Disability and the Environment

• How do we move away from ableist movements that are not here for BIPOC, Poor, Fat, Queer... Disabled bodies?
What does this lead to?
At a time when Disabled folks are critically at risk, how have we centered Disability in our COVID response?
What are some things we can do in our communities?

• Prioritize the creation of a world beyond capitalism
• Center disabled voices
• Create pathways for self-actualization that are accessible
• Be accountable
• Fund disabled folks
If it’s not for everyone, especially the most impacted, it’s not Justice!
Thank you
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