# RESISTOR: Laying the Foundation

Remote Track September 17, 2019



# **Power Up Overview**

### **Power Up Handbook**



- Click on the link in the Zoom chat box or go to <a href="www.aclu-wa.org/power-up-handbook">www.aclu-wa.org/power-up-handbook</a>.
- We will also send this via email with a link to the webinar recording.



# **Power Up Preview**

Tuesday, September 17 5:30-7pm	Laying the Foundation Welcome, Introduction to the ACLU, Moving from Issues to Action, Root Cause Tree Tool
Tuesday, October 1 5:30-7pm	Understanding Our Role in the Movement Race Equity & Allyship
Tuesday, October 15 5:30-7pm	Building Collective Power Personal Narrative, Recruiting Volunteers, Building Effective Teams
Tuesday, October 29 5:30-7pm	<b>Designing the Blueprint</b> Identifying Stakeholders & Targets, Power Mapping, Strategy Chart
Thursday, November 14 5:30-7pm	Navigating the Legislative Process Understanding Committees, Bill Process, & WA Legislative Website
Thursday, November 21 5:30-7pm	Choosing & Using Tactics + Bringing It All Together Lawmaker Engagement Tactics, Sustaining Your Activism



### **Zoom Logistics**

- The success of Power Up is built on <u>participation</u>!
  - On the Zoom toolbar, you can raise your hand to be unmuted or type a question or comment in the chat box.
  - On future calls, we will do activities and small group conversations via Zoom "break out rooms."
- You will receive a reminder email prior to each webinar session with Zoom log-in information.
- A recording of this call will be sent out later this week.
- If you have any questions about how to use the technology, please email me at <a href="mailto:rgilchrist@aclu-wa.org">rgilchrist@aclu-wa.org</a>.

# Introductions

### **Why We Use Pronouns**

• We recognize that gender is a spectrum and people might have a different gender identity than the one you perceive them to have. Sharing your pronouns shows respect for everyone's gender identity and creates a more welcoming space for all.











### **Introductions**

Please take a minute to type in the chat box (if you're on the web) and introduce yourself.

- 1. Name
- 2. Pronouns
- 3. City
- 4. What are you hoping to get out of this training?



### **Community Agreements**

- 1. Observe the "Platinum" rule.
- 2. Acknowledge intent and address impact.
- 3. Be present and lean in.
- 4. Be mindful of technology use.
- 5. Hear and be heard.
- 6. Observe the "One mic, one voice" rule.
- 7. Avoid putting people on blast.
- 8. Care for yourself and others.
- 9. Commit to learning.
- 10. Have fun!



# **Our History, Our Power**

A brief historical overview of the ACLU





### **Red Scare, 1917-1920**





### Palmer Raids, November 1919 & January 1920

# The New York Times

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# Founding of the ACLU, 1920

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138 West 13th Street New York City



### Founding of the ACLU of Washington, 1935





### **ACLU-WA Milestones**

- Supporting UW student's challenge of curfew and internment order for Japanese Americans 1942
- City of Seattle passes law banning discrimination based on race in housing transactions via grassroots pressure 1968
- First lawsuit in WA to seek right to marry for gay couple 1972
- Seattle becomes first city to bar police from collecting information about political activities without suspicion 1979
- Women's right to choose guaranteed under state law 1991
- Adoption of I-1000 ("Death with Dignity") 2012
- Recreational marijuana legalized 2012
- Death penalty abolished by WA Supreme Court 2018



### **The ACLU Today**











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# **Moving from Issues to Action**

### What is Activism?

 Activism = Actions people take, individually and collectively, to challenge power imbalances and create positive change

Why constituent advocacy?
 Lawmakers work for you!



• Remember! The ACLU is nonpartisan. We don't endorse or oppose candidates.



# **What is Power?**

### **Consumer Power**

• Using boycotts or other means of organizing consumers to hit corporations at their bottom line.







### **Disruptive Power**

• Using strikes or protests to disrupt everyday business to cut into profits and shame bad corporate actors.







# **Legal/Regulatory Power**

• Using the courts and regulatory agencies to hold individuals and institutions accountable for violating people's rights, thereby motivating them to change their behavior.











Electing lawmakers who will support your legislative agenda and holding them accountable when they are in office, and changing laws through direct democracy.







# **Identifying Root Causes**

### **Root Cause Tree Tool**

### **LEAVES**

What problems have directly impacted community members identified?

### **TRUNK**

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### ROOTS

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### **Root Cause Tree Example**

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**Mandatory minimums** 

For-profit prison system

Discriminatory risk assessment tools

Suspensions & expulsions (school-to-prison pipeline)

Redlining & housing discrimination

**Police profiling** 

**Education access** 

Access to health care & drug treatment

Racism

**Capitalism** 

White supremacy



# Wrap-Up

### **Next Session: Tuesday, October 1**

- You will receive an email reminder on Friday, September 27.
- Please note! There will be different call-in information, so make sure you are opening the right email.
- We will also send information about our online group prior to the next session.



### **Get Out the Vote!**

- Request ACLU Voter postcards by emailing activism@aclu-wa.org.
- Send back completed postcards to Power Up by October 11.
- Returned postcards will be addressed and mailed out to lowpropensity voters in Washington before the November general election.





### **Check out our Local Elections Toolkit**

- Visit <u>www.aclu-wa.org/elections</u> to find:
  - 5 Questions to Ask Your Candidate for Local Office
  - A guide to using state election resources
  - Voting rights restoration information
  - How to get out the vote to other ACLU supporters





# **Stay Engaged!**



- Go to <a href="https://www.peoplepower.org">www.peoplepower.org</a>
  to find events near you or post your own event!
- Email <u>activism@aclu-wa.org</u> to be added to our statewide People Power listserv.

TOMORROW: Seattle City Council hearing on police collective bargaining agreement at 6pm

https://go.peoplepower.org/event/action/20708



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# Washington

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