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GENDER JUSTICE

Zine on Transformative Justice





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We Call for an End to Disposability Politics and a Commitment to Transformative Justice. This entire year we have been in conversation about what our theme of the year is and how it applies to our lives as young trans and nonbinary youth. We understand disposability politics as the practice of getting rid of an individual from a community with the assumption that the community would be better off without that person. It removes people, and not the problem. We see this in the prison industrial complex. We believe in Transformative Justice as our response to harm that intends to address the harm and the environment and systems in which harm was made possible. We can practice transformative justice by looking into ourselves to create change outwards.

Definitions

Transformative Justice: response to harm that both aims to address the individual harm, as well as the environment and systems that made the harm possible.

Disposability Politics: The practice of getting rid of an individual from a community with the assumption that the community would be better off without that person.

Conflict: Disagreement difference or argument between 2 or more people...

Harm: The suffering, loss, pain, and impact that can occur both in conflict and instances of abuse, as well as in misunderstandings steeped in differences of life experience, opinion, or needs...

Some definitions are from *We Will Not Cancel Us and Other Dreams of Transformative Justice* (pg. 28) by adrienne maree brown

Self-Reflection on Transformative Justice

1. What does Transformative Justice mean to you?

2. What is your role in creating a safe community?



Self-Reflection on Transformative Justice

3. Think about a moment in which someone caused harm to you. How would you have liked for them to take accountability?

4. Can you think about a moment in which you caused harm to someone. How could you have taken accountability to rectify the situation?



Group Discussion Questions

We created a list of questions for group discussions around the theme of the year. We invite you to modify any questions, there is space next to the questions to add additional questions.

Questions

- 1. How do you hold yourself accountable to your communities?**
- 2. How can you implement transformative justice in your schools/communities?**
- 3. When harm is done to you, how do you go about not disposing of the person but begin a transformative justice process together?**
- 4. If you cancel someone, do you fix the problem?**
- 5. What holds you back from using transformative justice vs disposing of someone?**

Your Questions

Books

- **Beyond Survival: Strategies and Stories from the Transformative Justice Movement** edited by Ejeris Dixon and Leak Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha
- **We Do This 'Till We Free Us** by Mariame Kaba
- **We Will Not Cancel Us: And Other Dreams of Transformative Justice** by adrienne maree brown

Web-Based

- [Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective](#)
- [“Pods and Pod Mapping Worksheet”](#)
- [Steps to End Prisons & Policing: A Mixtape on Transformative Justice](#)
- [Trans Wellness Zine by Gender Justice Leadership Programs](#)

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