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MOVEMENT-BUILDING TRAININGS

The Chicago Freedom School offers workshops and trainings for organizations, adult allies, and intergenerational groups.

YOUTH-LED AND INTERGENERATIONAL SOCIAL CHANGE

ADULTISM – Understanding adultism as a form of oppression and learning how to become an effective adult ally

This workshop helps adults understand ingrained adultist behavior, which often leads to youth being silenced, patronized, lectured, and tokenized. Adults will learn practical skills to help them become responsible adult allies and learn how to best support youth in their efforts to affect social change.

YOUTH IN CHARGE – Creating meaningful intergenerational and youth-led spaces and governing structures

This workshop explores approaches, practices, and structures that empower youth to participate actively and effectively in decision-making and governing structures. Workshop participants will be provided with practical tools and ideas for how to best assess youth involvement, how to include youth on organizational boards, how to develop youth-led governing structures, and how to create meaningful intergenerational spaces.

LEADERSHIP & IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT – Supporting youth in their development as social change leaders and movement builders

This workshop explores various concepts, characteristics and elements of leadership, and how young people can be supported in their development as social justice leaders. Along with exploring different leadership development models, workshop participants will also learn about the significance of identity development as a basis for successful youth organizing.

ANTI-OPPRESSION APPROACHES AND MOVEMENT HISTORY

ANTI-OPPRESSION APPROACHES – Developing an anti-oppression analysis and anti-oppression practices

This workshop provides concrete tools for workshop participants on how to develop an anti-oppression analysis and anti-oppression practices as individuals, within organizations and in community settings. Workshop participants will also learn how identity development approaches play a crucial role in overcoming intergenerational barriers and how individuals can dismantle ingrained oppressive behaviors in order to be able to serve as effective allies to oppressed groups.

WHITE ALLIES AS MOVEMENT BUILDERS – Understanding the concepts of white privilege, white supremacy and learning how to become a responsible white ally

This workshop helps white movement builders to reflect on white privilege and the importance of working towards dismantling systemic white supremacy as part of any form of social justice work. Workshop participants will also learn about how white people can become responsible and effective white allies within multiracial social change efforts.

MOVEMENT HISTORY – Exploring the history and role of youth in movements for social change.

This workshop provides an introduction to the history of social change movements, movement building concepts and the role of youth within these movements. Workshop participants will also learn about how to connect personal and community-based social justice work to a broader movement-building context.

ISSUE-BASED ORGANIZING

COALITION BUILDING – Partnering with others to build power for broader social change

This workshop explores different concepts and models for coalition building and what to consider before entering alliances with others to work towards shared social justice goals. Workshop participants will also learn how to set up accountability structures and safety mechanisms to help prevent and overcome obstacles that are common to the work within coalitions.

CAMPAIGN DEVELOPMENT – Developing successful strategies to win tangible social change

This workshop explores the ins and outs of issue-based campaign development, including how to best choose an issue, how to establish a clear time-line, how to complete a power analysis, and how to develop winnable strategies. Workshop participants will also explore specific approaches for youth-led and intergenerational issue campaigns. Furthermore, participants will learn how to establish structures and develop practices that ensure accountability within intergenerational spaces and support the leadership of youth without tokenizing them.

BASE BUILDING – Mobilizing communities to address and win on social justice issues

This workshop explores concepts and approaches for mobilizing and sustaining community support around specific social justice issues. Workshop participants will also learn how to develop a clear message to promote a cause, how to adopt messaging in response to changing circumstances, and how to assess and ensure that your work is in alignment with your constituency's needs.

TRAINING LOGISTICS:

Duration of workshops range from 1 hour and 45 minutes to 3 hours, depending on training needs.

CFS also offers onsite training programs, which are developed through the combination of various workshops and training modules to fit the specific needs of your organization.

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