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The voice of the anti-racist movement in Europe

Resources for Organisers in Times of COVID-19 Crisis



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LEADING GROUPS ONLINE

a down-and-dirty guide to leading online courses, meetings, trainings, and events during the coronavirus pandemic.

by *Jeanne Rewa and Daniel Hunter*

COVID-19 has created new challenges for facilitators and educators. Across the globe, people are being asked to lead groups online: teachers, trainers, professors, event managers, organizers, activists. Jeanne Rewa and Daniel Hunter swiftly wrote a booklet for this moment, available for free ebook download and in print.

Using their combined two decades of online facilitation, Jeanne and Daniel walk you through the basics of how to lead sessions online in this challenging time. They give you their top 10 principles for leading online groups in this moment, interactive tools you can lead online, a simple process for moving your in-person work online and answers to commonly asked questions.

Download **free ebook** or purchase **print copy** [here](#).

Social Distancing

**Physical Distancing +
Social Solidarity** ✓

Tips for Remote Teams - THE HUM

[The Hum](#) gives practical guidance for decentralised organisations.

Read their tips for remote self-managed teams [here](#).

Building Virtual Rooms for Online Facilitation - TRAINING FOR CHANGE

Are you moving in-person meeting or training agendas online? Building “[virtual rooms](#)” through visual slides and collaborative documents is a powerful way to adapt your favorite tools and techniques for online facilitation. Regardless of your online platform, you can share participants on a collaborative document, allowing them to engage in activities together.

With creative use of shared documents like Google Slides, you can make quick and easy alternatives for powerful tools, like: scribing on chart paper, using post-it notes for brainstorming, doing a go-around, and moving around the room (like for a spectogram). All these can be done online – check out some of [their slide templates](#) for inspiration.

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BEAUTIFUL TROUBLE's Guide to Activism During the Coronavirus Pandemic

By *Nadine Bloch, Rae Abileah*

"We're facing down a global pandemic. If you find yourself saying "Holy shit! What do I do?!" you're not alone.

A renegade bug is showing how deeply broken our system is. Beyond the absolutely critical tasks of taking care of yourself, harm-reduction, social distancing, hand-washing, and looking out for those around us who are most struggling, we must also make that brokenness plain.

We do not get to choose the historic moments we are born into, but we do get to choose how we respond. And as we recover, and put our world back together, we have a chance to put it back together differently and better.

In that spirit, we've done a roundup of the most creative and effective social movement responses to COVID-19, filtered through seven of the most relevant tools from the [Beautiful Trouble toolbox](#), with links to resources compiled especially for this moment."

To read the rest of the article: <https://wagingnonviolence.org/2020/03/beautiful-trouble-guide-activism-coronavirus/>

Activists Resources Related to COVID-19 - THE COMMONS LIBRARY

[The Commons Library](#) has been collecting enormous amount of articles, tools and analyses which help expanding our horizons of social engagement during COVID-19 crisis.

You can check them out [here](#).

Coronavirus Asylum Handbook - The REFUGEE ACTION A Collaborative Space to Share Our Learning

[The Refugee Action](#) Good Practice and Partnerships Team aims to connect, inform and support a critical network of frontline UK refugee and asylum organisations to deliver and redesign their services to remotely meet beneficiaries' needs and find new ways of responding effectively to the current crisis.

This handbook contains frontline organisations' approaches to adapting their services in response to Coronavirus. It is not intended to be a comprehensive service directory. It will signpost to but not duplicate the excellent advice, resources and policy updates that have been produced and are already in the public domain.

To read the handbook or to contribute to it: <http://www.coronavirusasylumhandbook.com>

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Corona Diaries: Voices from the ENAR Network

The Covid-19 crisis is exacerbating structural racism and inequalities in society, with vulnerable and disadvantaged groups bearing the brunt of its impact.

Many ENAR members are doing their part to ensure that solidarity and justice are upheld during these crises. [Read](#) their ongoing concerns about the main emergencies during this crisis.

CORONA DIARIES

"Many Roma families have no internet, computer or electricity. But even with access, remote education is difficult in confined living spaces. At the same time, Roma parents who may themselves be illiterate are unable to help with home schooling. It is feared that many Roma children will lose an entire school year or drop out of education altogether."

*Anja Reuss, Politische Referentin
Zentralrat Deutscher Sinti und Roma*

SYSTEM CHANGE NOW

"No measures are implemented to safeguard health and decrease the possibility of contagion among residents of reception facilities for asylum seekers and refugees."

This epidemic represents a global challenge, and can only be faced by ensuring solidarity. The answer must focus on the needs of each individual, including those forced to flee their homes."

Jasmine Joelle Tsimi Abega, Migrabo LGBTI, Italy

SYSTEM CHANGE NOW

"National governments, in particular Greece, must consider using public and private empty buildings to accommodate people in overcrowded refugee camps and asylum seeker centres, to ensure basic health services and proper hygienic living conditions to inhabitants."

We need solutions for all those refugees finding themselves in unstable and unsafe situations at the external borders of the EU."

Maddalena Avon, Centre for Peace Studies, Croatia

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Progressive Framing of the Coronavirus Pandemic - THE COMMONS LIBRARY

By **Holly Hammond**

“A collection of resources which include suggested progressive framing and messaging of the Coronavirus/Covid-19 global pandemic and its various impacts. [This page](#) will be updated as new resources become available. Resources are categorised by country of origin but many of the messages are applicable in different national contexts. Click on each heading to either download the guide or visit another website.”

Two messages from this collection:

"Decades of testing demonstrate that fear evokes a fight or freeze response, with the latter the far more common response. In order to inspire people to demand more and better, we must thread an increasingly fine needle between articulating the severity of this moment and providing hope that we do indeed have solutions and, by coming together, can demand they be put into place..."

The antidote to fear is love and connection, even where these cannot be realized in physical presence. Our message should be rooted in the values of interdependence, mutual solidarity, shared purpose and collective action. Because when we are all in for all of us, we can create the world each and every one of us needs to thrive."

Anat Shenker-Osorio, [ASO Communications](#)

"What perhaps makes the COVID-19 pandemic unique is that we are literally all in this together – across boundaries illusory and recognized, across nations, oceans, and the globe. Therefore, we have a unique opportunity at hand. While the economic and racial disparities in how this epidemic could be handled are clear, now is the time to call for greater and more equal health justice. Now is the time to join communities of color in their demands for racial equity. Now is the time to protest the scapegoating of immigrants. We must push back against the language of fear and adopt language of inclusion, empowerment, and justice. Together, we can rise to the challenge."

Elisabeth Johnsen, [The Opportunity Agenda](#)

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Let's Dream Together -

CENTER FOR STORY BASED STRATEGY

“All we’ve got is where we’re going.”

— Tanya Shaw, AIDS Activist

"Dear [Movement Community](#),

Why are so many solutions suddenly so possible? From rapidly-activated homeless shelters, to national economic stimulus, to eviction moratoriums — some dreams are coming true in spite of the nightmare and because of visionary grassroots organizing demands.

We can both take care of each other now, and lead into hope for our collective future. Let’s take a moment to find firm steady footing, by understanding the stories that are moving now, and making room for the stories we are dreaming into being.

Now is the time to dream, to cultivate our radical imaginations. Not because “we have time on our hands”, but because we have an opportunity of a lifetime before us: to lead in a moment of a massive unveiling of existing truths, equipped with the hopes and dreams of all our movements.

“The course made me imagine how easy it was to become encased in your own wall but how much easier it is to imagine your way out.”

— yousiff florey-meah

[The 4th Box](#) is a tool that explores the underlying assumptions of the narratives around us.

Identifying these assumptions, the things you have to believe or value in order to believe a story is true, is essential to understanding how a story limits or expands what is possible. Once we begin to unveil how the narratives around us work, we liberate the bounds of what’s possible. Limiting narratives inevitably limit our imaginations. And this is a time when we need to be liberating our dreams and imagining as big as possible."



Funding Calls

EUROPEAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION Culture of Solidarity Fund

European Cultural Foundation invites you to apply for the [European Culture of Solidarity Fund](#). The Fund supports imaginative cultural initiatives that, in the midst of the global pandemic crisis reinforce **European solidarity** and **the idea of Europe as a shared public space**.

The Fund has grants available in three amounts:

- €5.000 – 15.000 (5 - 10 awarded projects per submission round)
- €15.000 – 30.000 (2 - 3 awarded projects per submission round)
- €30.000 – 50.000 (1 - 2 awarded projects per submission round)

The Culture of Solidarity fund will see various application windows this year, and they will distribute funding equally over all windows. The first round opened April 6 2020 and has a deadline of **Monday, 27 April 2020, 12.00 CET**. They will communicate results four weeks after the deadline.

EPIM Rolling Call for Proposals

Seizing opportunities to advise European asylum policies and practices

Through this call for proposals, EPIM aims to support (transnational) partnerships of civil society organisations active at EU, national, bilateral, regional and/or local levels. EPIM aims to support their efforts to seize (urgent) opportunities to advise asylum policies and practices across Europe, in light of existing and future EU asylum law, policies, frameworks and human rights standards.

This is a rolling Call for Proposals: eligible civil society organisations are invited to submit concept notes any time for a maximum budget of 40,000 EUR. Applications will be reviewed on a regular basis and according to the grant review cycle described in section 9. Only short listed applicants will be invited to submit full applications.

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