

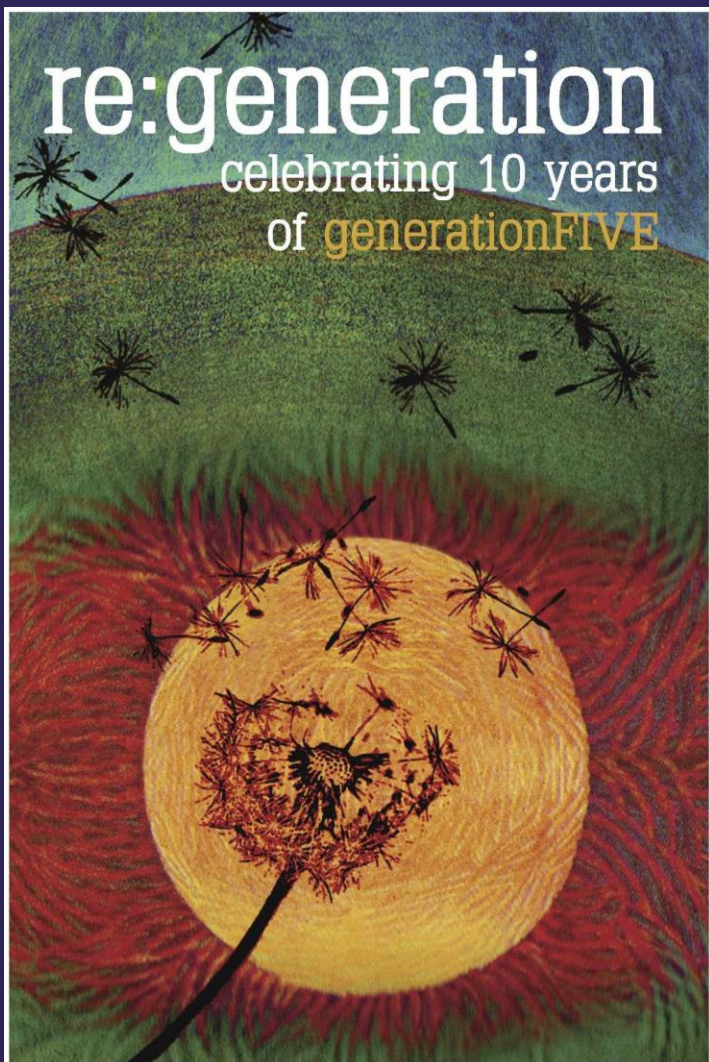
Transformative Justice and Community Anti-violence Initiatives

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Generation Five: Transformative Justice



Goals of Transformative Justice:

- Safety, healing, and agency for survivors
- Accountability & transformation for people who harm
- Community action, healing, and accountability
- Transformation of the social conditions that perpetuate violence - systems of oppression and exploitation, domination, and state violence

Principles of Transformative Justice:

- Liberation
- Shifting power
- Accountability
- Safety
- Collective Action
- Respect Cultural Difference / Guard against Cultural Relativism
- Sustainability

Currently, anti-violence movements that address these violence issues as anti-racism, anti-police brutality, against anti-gay and anti-trans discrimination have been largely excluded from initiatives from anti-violence movements that address domestic and sexual violence. The result is that women of color, who suffer disproportionately from both state and interpersonal violence, have become marginalized within these movements. It is critical that we develop responses to gender violence that do not depend on a white, middle class, and heteronormative criminal justice system. It is also important that we develop strategies that challenge the criminal justice system and that also provide safety for survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

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1) Develop strategies for mobilizing against racism and homophobia/biphobia and communities in order to help women's side.

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We seek to build movements that not only end violence, but that create a society based on radical freedom, mutual accountability, and passionate responsibility. In this society, safety and security will not be premised on violence or the threat of violence; it will be based on a collective commitment to guaranteeing the survival and care of all peoples.

Community-base anti-violence initiatives

- Generation Five
- INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence
 - Critical Resistance
 - Creative Interventions /StoryTelling & Organising Project
 - Chrysalis Collective
 - Far Out Project
- Communities United Against Violence
- Communities Against Rape and Violence (CARA)
 - Love Sex, Hate Sexism
 - Philly's Pissed / Philly Stands Up



LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER



At the first proper punk gig I went to every time I went in the pit someone groped me. Grabbing my boobs or my fanny, trying to stick their fingers in as far as they could. Despite the music being great, I left early that night. I was 14 yrs old.



RESPECT EACH OTHER

One night I was really drunk on the bus home from a gig. So drunk I got off the wrong stop and was utterly confused until I saw my sober 'mate'.

I was relieved when he offered to take me home so I'd be safe. I don't know how it started (he was not someone I would do) but the next thing

I know he's in my room and we're having sex and he was telling me he liked 'rough sex' and I was struggling to stop that....

**BUILD A
SAFER SPACE TOGETHER**

I fell asleep in the back of my van at a festival, next to a guy I liked. I was woken up by him kissing and grabbing me. He wouldn't respond to my repeatedly asking him why he was being so pushy. Turned out it was because he wasn't the guy I'd fallen asleep next to. It was some creepy fucker who'd crawled into my van without my knowledge or consent. Everyone saw me freaking out at him as I kicked him out of my van, he had no excuse for being in there, he never denied touching me but still he had guys rush up and defend him. There were never any consequences for him.



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ADVOCATES!

YOU can use
the **TOOLS**
YOU ALREADY HAVE
to **strengthen**
support
networks!

I really want to tell my parents what's going on, but then I'd have to come out to them. That isn't going to happen. —SURVIVOR

I can't ask my sister for help because I dumped my kids on her so many times, she doesn't want to even hear from me. —SURVIVOR

I have tried everything I can to help him and I don't know what to do anymore. —DAD

My friend's new girlfriend freaks me out. She was bragging about a fight she got into last week. I am worried about my friend, but I don't want her girlfriend to come after me. —BFF

I keep telling her she has to leave, but she won't. —CO-WORKER

ADVOCACY TOOLS

REPAIRING
RELATIONSHIPS

STARTING THE
CONVERSATION

BOUNDARIES

SAFETY &
SUPPORT
PLANNING

DV
EDUCATION

RESOURCES &
COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS

"I practiced the dreaded 'coming out' talk with my advocate & then I met with my folks. They took it a lot better than I thought they would. My next goal? Talk to them about the abuse."
—SURVIVOR

"I apologized to my sister for all the times I left my kids with her. I'm surprised, but after I told her a little bit of what's been going on for me, she said she would watch them whenever I have to work late."
—SURVIVOR

"I can drive him to his AA meeting and I can take time to listen, but I know that I can't do everything for him."
—DAD

"I understand that leaving an abusive relationship is hard. My friend will leave if and when it feels right to her. Meanwhile, I'm here to listen."
—CO-WORKER

"It turns out my friend is worried too. We agreed she won't tell her girlfriend my address or phone number so that I can be a safe person for her to stay with. She's talked with a DV advocate and she and I worked on a safety plan together."
—BFF

BEFORE

AFTER

Self-defense is whatever we do to survive violence. One way to tell the difference between self-defense and retaliation is to ask "Why am I doing this?"—is it to get out alive or to get back at someone?

La auto-defensa es cualquier cosa que hacemos para sobrevivir la violencia. Una manera de diferenciar entre la auto-defensa y las represalias es preguntando "¿Por qué estoy haciendo esto?"—es para salir vivo de esto o para vengarme de alguien?

Minimization Minimización

Denial // Negación
Silence // Silencio
Victim-blaming // Culpando la víctima
Victim is bad // La víctima es mala

Middle Path Camino del medio

Being honest with each other // Siendo honesto el uno con el otro
Taking responsibility for our actions // Tomando responsabilidad por nuestras acciones
Having compassion for each other // Teniendo compasión el uno con el otro
More support for everyone involved // Más apoyo para todos los involucrados

Retaliation Represalias

Gossip & humiliation // Chisme & humillación
Exile // Exilio
Aggressor-blaming // Culpando al agresor
Aggressor is bad // El Agresor es malo

Both are smart survival strategies (they protect us in some way) and both have costs (they maintain the cycle of violence and shame, and the idea that there are "good" and "bad" people). Neither are "bad"—we just want to have as many options as possible!

Ambas son estrategias inteligentes de sobrevivencia (nos protegen de alguna manera) y ambas tienen costos (mantienen el ciclo de la violencia y de humillación, y la idea de que hay gente "buena" y "mala"). Ninguna es "mala"—solamente queremos tener la mayor cantidad de opciones posibles!

PENDULUM OF APPROACHES

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WELCOME

Creative Interventions Website

Welcome to the website for Creative Interventions! This website will feature useful tools, links and other information to help anyone and everyone create collective responses to interpersonal violence.

Toolkit Under Construction – Pre-Release Version Now Available!

Our [pre-release version](#) of Creative Interventions Toolkit: *An Invitation and Practical Guide for Everyone to Stop Violence* is now available! Keep an eye on the panel on your right for updates regarding the fully designed version we hope to have available late Summer 2012.

LATEST NEWS

The Creative Interventions Toolkit: *A Practical Guide to Stop Interpersonal Violence* is currently under construction. The CI Interventions Team including partners from Asian Women's Shelter, La Clinica de la Raza, Narika & Shimtuh is working hard to transform our on-the-ground work over the past 3 years into useful tools for community-based violence intervention.

Pre-Release version of the CI Toolkit now available under Tools!

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A different approach

- A. Keeping a community focus on survivor support
 - “How can we use our connection and care for people who are victims or survivors of violence to not only provide safety but also opportunities for them to heal and re-connect to healthier relationships?”
- B. Refusing to resort to, or rely on, threats of punishment, isolation or exclusion
 - “How can we change violent behaviour by using our connection and care for people who have caused harm rather than using threats, punishment or policing? (’ (Creative Interventions 2012, [Section 2] 4)
- A. Building community capacity / fostering skills for everyday intervention and prevention of violence
 - Creative Interventions aims to “Make violence intervention an everyday skills—rather than something that waits and waits until it’s too late.
- B. Developing a more holistic analysis

How it works: Community intervention steps



1. Getting Clear: What is going on?
2. Staying Safe: How do we stay safe?
3. Mapping Allies and Barriers: Who can help?
4. Setting Goals: What do we want?
5. Supporting Survivors or Victims: How can we help?
6. Taking Accountability: How can we change violence?
7. Working together: How do we work together as a team?
8. Keeping on Track: How do we move forward?

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