



Weekly Newsletter: February 8-12

With a new semester, The People's Pitzer is heading in a new direction. This Spring, TPP is focusing on the intersection of civic engagement and activism, and will be aiming to highlight how activists, scholars, and organizers enact change through civic action. From popular movements to government pressure; from letter writing to education, TPP is going to be bringing together all facets of civic activism to teach, empower, and enact change ourselves. We hope you'll join us.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 12: Our first TPP meeting of the semester is this Friday at **3:00pm PST**. Stop by to hear our plans for the semester, as well as to share any thoughts you may have.
Zoom Link to come.

Feb. 22: From **3:30-4:45pm PST**, TPP will be hosting a workshop for Project Pericles' Debating for Democracy (D4D) "Letter to An Elected Official Competition." This competition, designed to engage college students nationwide with letter writing for political change, could even win you a \$500 grant for a community project of your choosing. Keep your eyes out for more information, and in the meantime learn more about D4D [here](#).

A New Section

In keeping with our mission of highlighting alternate forms of civic activism, we're introducing a new newsletter section: Each week, we'll give an explanation of a strategic principle proposed by community organizers and activists. These examples all come from Beautiful Trouble and its contributors, a movement of grassroots organizers making community organizing more accessible globally. Learn more about them [at their website](#).

Praxis in Action

as described by Joshua Kahn

Growth and sustainability in social movements relies on constant reflection and awareness of which tactics worked and which did not. The idea of Praxis (from theory, to action, to reflection) is one familiar to many at Pitzer, and allows organizers and activists to improve upon action already taken for the future of their cause. Kahn also reminds activists of the importance of a "culture of praxis," ensuring that all members of a movement can learn and grow in their own activism.

Learn more about Kahn's Praxis principle [here](#).

Want to Get Involved?

Fill out [this survey](#) to be added to our mailing list. Still looking for more? The People's Pitzer is seeking passionate students for a host of leadership positions. Keep an eye on your inbox for more application information, or reach out directly to Benjamin Shaw at benshaw@students.pitzer.edu.

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