

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

NEWSLETTER

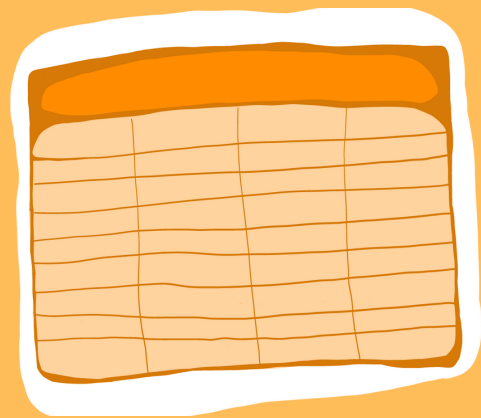
Direct Action at Pitzer

Welcome to Direct Action at Pitzer's first Newsletter of the semester! In these biweekly newsletters, you will find resources to help you get involved with direct actions on our campuses and in our community.



SUBMIT TO/REFERENCE OUR DIRECT ACTION DATABASE

- Reference the form above for information about long-term and short-term actions at the 7Cs and our broader communities.
- Submit an action to the database using the form above.



GET REIMBURSED

FOR COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION

- Get reimbursed for clearance-related costs and community-based travel (ex: working with an organization, attending a protest) using the form above.
- Use your community engagement transportation allotment towards funding for any conference/workshops/training related to attaining new skills and knowledge that will enhance your community engagement experience on campus and in the community.
- Reserve a Pitzer van for community engagement-related programming.

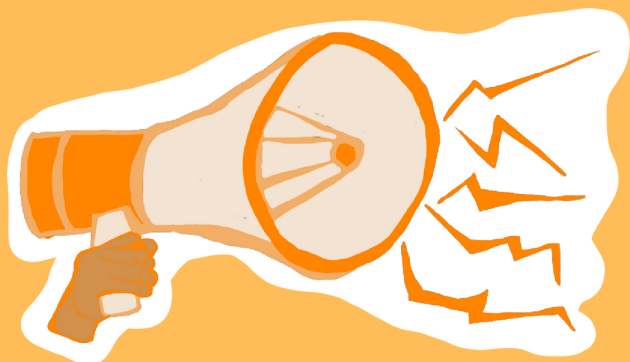
USE OUR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- On our website, find accessible information about legal, protest, and organizing support as well as information about some of the prominent direct action movements of our time, such as direct action movements, defunding the police, Black Lives Matter, rent relief, and health care expansion.
- Check out our Instagram [[@directactionpz](#)] where we have and will continue to upload resource guides on topics such as organizing direct actions, defining and engaging in mutual aid, and community care.



ATTEND OR REQUEST A WORKSHOP

- Check out the CEC Events Page and follow our social media to stay up to date on our events
- Helps us spend our allocated resources on workshops and trainings which are helpful to you: send us an email with ideas for speakers or organizations to bring to campus.



What is Community Organizing?

Community organizing is a grassroots tactic for social change and betterment which focuses on, “building community and power.” It seeks to overcome the isolation we have been socialized into that keeps those without power powerless (Dissent). Direct action is one example of what community organizing may manifest as, in addition to other electoral and nonelectoral strategies and tactics.

What is Direct Action?

Direct action happens when we move to solve problems for our community without governmental or institutional structures, usually, because these structures aren’t acting/haven’t acted with enough urgency (or they just don’t hold the well-being of the community as their goal), and change needed to happen yesterday.

Direct Action Spotlight:

On this page, we'll be highlighting some direct action, organizing, and educating opportunities in the community. For more chances to get involved, be sure to check out the database linked above!

Zines Make Change | 10/12/2021 6:00PM-7:30PM in the McConnell Founder's Room- "Join us for a workshop with the Honnold-Mudd zine librarians to learn about the history of zines as influential tools for direct action and community organizing, and get a chance to make a zine yourself!" SIGN UP: forms.gle/WSyqk4XaiFoWzSYB8

Support HMC Solidarity - Support the Harvey Mudd mutual aid group reach their goal of raising \$22,000 by October 15th. Stay updated via their Instagram, @hmc_solidarity. Venmo: @HMC-Solidarity / CashApp: \$HMCsolidarity / GoFundMe: [tinyurl.com/hmc-fund](https://www.gofundme.com/hmc-fund)

5C Latinx Student Needs Help - This student needs a tooth repair that costs \$950. Their insurance has denied the request multiple times. If not treated now, it would cost over \$3,000. Updates on Instagram, @brokensilence5c Venmo: @Brokensilence5c

Recognition, Acknowledgment, and Stewardship: The Challenges and Opportunities for Rematriating Tovaangar [Wallace Cleaves] | 10/11/2021 @6:50 (arrive early to make sure you can attend) at the CMC Atheneum- "The Tongva have long struggled to gain acknowledgment on their ancestral land of Tovangaar, located in the Los Angeles basin, and to be able to fulfill their responsibility to be stewards to the land, plants, and animals of the region. While the community gained state recognition in 1994, the struggle to gain federal recognition is ongoing. Land acknowledgments and other forms of institutional recognition have helped make the Tongva more visible and have encouraged city, county, and state authorities to engage with the Tongva community on some critical issues. But as Wallace Cleaves, associate professor of teaching and associate director in the University Writing Program at UCR will outline, too often the process is flawed, limited and not relational. The Tongva now look beyond these sometimes performative and incomplete acts to develop meaningful agreements with these institutions and have formed their own land conservancy to protect their heritage and Tovaangar." More info: <https://www.cmc.edu/athenaeum/recognition-acknowledgment-and-stewardship-challenges-and-opportunities-rematriating>

Support Gente Organizada in keeping Police OFF Pomona Unified School District Campuses - Sign this petition to show support:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe23FQJsa69Fd_14CY8ZUT9OqkXtf29D2-qCRCAZ8L-cPelww/viewform

Support the Feed the Block IE Block Resource Fair - "We'll be back at our spot at De Anna park with free resources for our community! We will have clothes, hygiene kits, hot food and non perishables, bus passes and more! Open to the whole community! Help us fund this through donations: Venmo: @FreedTheBlockOnta Cash App \$FeedTheBlockOnta" Learn more about this organization and what resources they are asking for on their Instagram @feedtheblock_ie