#### 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.



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### 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.

## 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.



## 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.

#### 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 **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

**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-stewardshipchallenges-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\_14CY8ZUT9OqkXtf29D2qCRCAZ8L-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



#### Direct Action @ PZ | January 31st, 2022

**Community Mutual-Aid** 

#### **Community Support Post-Windstorm:**

- If you'd like to help with cleanup efforts around Claremont within the coming days following the recent high winds, please fill out this google form. Clean up will mostly be picking up leaves/branches/other debris in people's yards/neighborhoods, and we can help reimburse for gas for those with cars who need. We've already received some feedback from community members who need help, so we're hoping to put a schedule together quickly! Email bmartic@students.pitzer.edu with any questions. SIGN UP: tinyurl.com/WindstormCommunityCleanup
- MUTUAL-AID: The CEC has set aside \$1,000 this semester to two seperate community support funds: one for Pitzer staff, students, and faculty and the other for community partners. Funding will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis we are particularly working to distribute funding to those impacted by the storm right now, but the form is still open to all who need! Please email Jackie Contreras (jackie\_contreras@pitzer.edu) with any questions. Form for student, staff, & faculty requests: tinyurl.com/PZCommunityMutualAidSupport Form for community requests: tinyurl.com/CommunityPartnerFunding

#### Scripps student in urgent need: Goal: \$485 by Monday 1/31 Venmo: @ScrippsMutualAid-1

**Mutual-Aid Fund for 5C Workers**: "This mutual fund is a communal resource for workers at the the Claremont Colleges including but not limited to dining hall services, custodial grounds department, and facilities department experiencing any financial insecurity due to COVID-19 relates issues or lack of monetary support/ sufficient pay from the Colleges. Donate if you have the means to do so and share/repost on social media!" Goal \$27,000 **Venmo:** @CSWA-1 **Zelle:** (682)-712-4231 **Cashapp:** \$cswa1 Volcano Eruption & Tsunami Relief Efforts for Tonga: Long time Pitzer community partners, MALO (Motivating Action and Leadership Opportunity), work to center and uplift Tonga culture and community, here and abroad. They are on the frontlines of mutual aid and support of those impacted by the recent volcano and tsunami in Tonga and could use your donation of supplies or funds [bottled water, canned/non-perishable foods, feminine & other hygiene products, medical items, diapers, temporary shelter items, tarps, shovels, & items fo clean up efforts]. We are collecting donations at CASA Pitzer and if you can't set up a time to make it there directly, I can gather donations when I am on campus next Tuesday and bring them there for you. Donate online directly and securely at https://bit.lv/MALOTongaReliefFunds and list "Tsunami Relief" in notes section

#### **Show up:** volunteer & opportunities to support community

[OPPORTUNITY] Volunteer with the National Lawyers Guild of Los Angles: The National Lawyers Guild is looking for multiple Spring 2022 interns. The NLG's mission is to "use law for the people, uniting lawyers, law students, legal workers, and jailhouse lawyers to function as an effective force in the service of the people by valuing human rights and the rights of ecosystems over property interests." Positions available include Legal Observer, Data Analyst, Story Collector for Street Vendor Advocacy, and Media Intern. **To apply** email NLG Mass Defense Program Coordinator Rebecca Brown at rebecca@nlg-la.org with your resume and one sentence about you.

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#### Podmapping: identifying community



**Podmapping is a tool for us to identify who are in our "pods":** "Your pod is made up of the people that you would call on if violence, harm or abuse happened to you; or the people that you would call on if you wanted support in taking accountability for violence, harm or abuse that you've done; or if you witnessed violence or if someone you care about was being violent or being abused."

Podmapping was coined by the Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective in response to confusion about the commonly used term "community" in their transformative justice work. Many people did not understand who to turn to for "community accountability" or what was meant by "community responses to violence". The root of this issue? That, "Most people have few solid, dependable relationships in their lives. Much of this is from the breaking of relationships, isolation, fear and criminalization that capitalism requires."

Podmapping addresses this trend of alienation from community by recentering relationship building: "Asking people to organize their pod was much more concrete than asking people to organize their 'community.' Once we had shared the language and concept of "pod," it allowed transformative justice to be more accessible... we challenged ourselves and others to build solid pods of people through relationships and trust. In doing so, we are pushed to get specific about what those relationships look like and how they are built."

Podmapping helps us realize who we have, and gives us tools for finding who we don't— it helps us resist the structures that isolate us. "We hope that by beginning to build and grow pods where they already exist (or could exist), we can help build the conditions to be able to support people who do not have pods. By growing the number of people ... who can recognize, talk about, prevent and respond to violence, we hope to make it that much more likely that people in need of support will find it in their daily lives. We also believe that orienting from a place of growing pods can help us gradually move away from structures that keep people isolated."

As we come back to campus amid various crises and moments of instability, we urge everyone to consider who might be in their "pod"! Community keeps us safe.

- Find a podmapping worksheet (and more information about podmapping, specifically for transformative justice purposes) linked to the article that the quotes in this graphic are pulled from: batjc.wordpress.com/resources/pods-and-pod-mapping-worksheet/
- OR listen to this podcast about podmapping if reading isn't your jam: <u>beyond-prisons.com/home/transformative-justice-amp-pod-mapping</u>
- AND read about how podmapping is useful beyond transformative justice projects, for mutual aid work more broadly: <u>pdxdisabilityjustice.org/pod-mapping.pdf</u>

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#### Submit Actions for us to Boost: Action Submissions

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#### Direct Action @ PZ | FEBRUARY 14TH, 2021

Healing Justice & Community Care

Healing Justice. What is it? ""Healing justice" is both a term and movement, first coined by the Atlanta-based Kindred Southern Healing Justice Collective in 2007, that aims to address widespread generational trauma from systemic violence and oppression by reviving ancestral healing practices and building new, more inclusive ones."

Why not just personal wellness? "I think the allure of [personal] wellness has a lot to do with agency ... But we've all seen how a genuine desire to feel good and grounded can morph into a personalized pursuit of optimal well-being, devoid of connection from others, and ultimately ourselves. If we want to democratize wellness, we have to dismantle the obstacles that inhibit many of us from caring for ourselves and others, and <u>reckon with systems that tout well-being as a</u> <u>luxury good instead of what it is: a fundamental birthright.</u>" (Krysten Peck in TRANSFORM HARM)

Community Care. What is it? "... community care is focused on the collective: taking care of people together, for everything from basic physical needs to psychological and even spiritual ones. <u>Community care is a recognition of the</u> <u>undeniable cooperative and social nature of human beings and involves a</u> <u>commitment to reduce harm simply through being together</u> ... community care is <u>a commitment to contributing in a way that leverages one's relative privilege</u> <u>while balancing one's needs</u>. It's trusting that your community will have you when you need support, and knowing you can be trusted to provide the same." Why not just self care? "Self-care only offers temporary relief to the deep-rooted structural challenges many of us face, and <u>often it can be its own form of</u> <u>commodified labour that becomes an additional stressor for the person</u> <u>expected to perform it.</u>" (<u>Nakita Valerio in FLARE</u>)

How do we begin practicing community care & healing justice? <u>BEAM (Black</u> <u>Emotional and Mental Health) Collective's Healing & Accountability Wheel</u>



Resources/ Learn more:

HEALING IN ACTION: A TOOLKIT FOR BLACK LIVES MATTER HEALING JUSTICE & DIRECT ACTION [Black Lives Matter]

LAPIS PEER SUPPORT MODEL [BEAM Collective]

HEALING JUSTICE PRINCIPLES: SOME OF WHAT WE BELIEVE [Badass Visionary Healers]

BEYOND SURVIVAL: STRATEGIES AND STORIES FROM THE TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE MOVEMENT [Edited by Ejeris Dixon and Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha]

#### HEALING JUSTICE [A bunch of articles on Transform Harm]

#### **Community Mutual-Aid**

**CEC Mutual-Aid Support Fund:** The CEC has set aside \$1,000 this semester to two seperate community support funds: one for Pitzer staff, students, and faculty and the other for community partners. Funding will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Please email Jackie Contreras (jackie\_contreras@pitzer.edu) with any questions. **Form for student, staff, & faculty requests:** <u>tinyurl.com/PZCommunityMutualAidSupport</u> **Form for community requests:** <u>tinyurl.com/CommunityPartnerFunding</u>

Nobody Fails at Pitzer: We have noticed that there have been many mutual aid requests recently from our Pltzer community and we want to make sure all of our students are supported without the worry of financial stress. As of now we are attempting to raise about \$15,000 in 4 weeks!!! We are hopeful that our community can put together their efforts to help out our most vulnerable students. Venmo to support students: @mutualAidPitzer Form for community requests: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezGaVdJCL3hDVRiXHOyQWVy04ATkFnblyoxkIFY cxc9Ysw8A/viewform

Support a low-income minority student: "I have been in desperate need of finances to pay for this semester. I have taken on two jobs but unfortunately that is still not enough to pay for my tuition. I do not think I will be able to continue school. I seriously don't know what to do. Please, if you can help in any way, I would really appreciate it." Goal: \$5,000 Venmo: @Cathlynantiro

Support a FGLI Queer Black Student: "Help a FGLI Queer Black Student get access to healing resources and cover groceries, transportation costs, and rent for winter break!" Venmo: @zoeriveraha Cashapp: \$zo3riv3ra

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English Recording | Spanish Recording

Check out our direct action database for more actions to support:



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Direct Action @ PZ | March 11th, 2022

Work with us! Direct Action @ Pitzer is

looking to hire two work study students to support/develop our direct action database and community-activism-archive projects, in addition to possible others! If you are interested, reach out to us <u>immediate action@pitzer.edu</u>.

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Support Nobody Fails at Scripps: Engage with the Scripps student collective organizing for equity by submitting mutual-aid requests, or donating to their Mutual Aid/ GoFundMe. All Links to donate in Linktree: https://linktr.ee/nobodyfailsatscripps

"Why you should donate: This fund aids in the survival of our peers and classmates. The 12 requests this month go towards rent/utility payments, medical expenses, travel expenses, groceries, tuition, and more. Our community is in dire need of collective financial support. The pandemic is disproportionately affecting our students of color and low-incomestudents, amongst many others. This mutual aid fund enshrines the actual praxis of social justice, solidarity, and community that we preach and learn in our classrooms. If you ar win a position of financial privilege at this time, donate; your donation is absolutely necessary for us to support one another. There is no better time to ACT than now."

#### Support a Black FGLI Student:

A Black, first-gen, low income junior, unable to gain income currently, is in urgent need of mutual aid for unexpected school feed and medical expenses before they are able to register for future

financial aid. Goal: \$5,536 Venmo: BrokenSilence5C | Cashapp:\$LoveLanguage101

#### **Show up:** volunteer opportunities to support community

Dean Spade on Mutual Aid: How do we respond to crisis

when governments, universities, and centralized institutions fail to support us? How do we organize and make delicious collectively rather than hierarchically? Activist and legal scholar Dean Spade has spent two decades trying to answer these questions through grassroots organizing for queer and trans liberation. He wrote <u>Mutual Aid:</u> <u>Building Solidarity During this Crisis (And the Next)</u> which describes mutual aid as a tool for resistance, survival, and community building. Join us for a conversation about mutual aid and its role in building movements for social change.

 Register for the zoom event Wed, March 23rd @ 7PM <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/e/1FAIpQLSetCc543k2BuGJqlKV0krzpwjAi</u> <u>tjybxioX9227EGbRgxkZA/formResponse</u>

#### Apply to be a Pitzer Advocate: PZ Advocates

are accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. We will be accepting applications through google forms this year. Applications are due at midnight onWednesday, March 23rd.

• Application:

#### https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDCuVrxS\_Td0JBsLjY0w35xs-S8S6Q0JUWb hAF9G2RgcL-JQ/viewform

• Application information:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\_TY6BIfY4ETnPAH0by33ajFtE4t0B9XhxliFnYDtafA /edit?usp=sharing

Support a Hybrid Option- Stand with Disabled Students on Campus: All students deserve to feel safe in the classroom. And no students should need to put their suffering on display to be believed. Immunocompromised students. Disabled students. Students with respiratory problems. Students with heart disease. Students whose parents have cancer. Students whose roommate is immunosuppressed. All these students are worth protecting. None of these students are a burden.

• Submit a testimony:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSdj5kS1rrjhRSUgrUYndSud4GSp0QLzZScvHT OY8ZYAHYxPNw/viewform

• Sign the petition:

https://www.change.org/p/pomona-college-claremont-colleges-our-education-matter s-let-disabled-students-learn-remotely?recruiter=1250937809&recruited\_by\_id=237bf4c082f4-11ec-bbb9-c37204c61af6&utm\_source=share\_petition&utm\_campaign=share\_petition&utm\_medium=copylink&utm\_content=cl\_sharecopy\_32234158\_en-US%3A7\_

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Student Survey Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfz7TWsEiS1MYCw1DRTCqzHB5hm4RQffhSX 1jaJpH 5T6B6LA/viewform?usp=sf link

Staff and Faculty Survey link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXgyOZIHTXp7O3obHG2D2BeynKwyZ vnMXxDWsKyjLUu90UJg/viewform?usp=send\_form Linktree with more resources: https://linktr.ee/CSAPitzer

#### **Event Spotlight:** Legal Observer Training & Community Partner Panel



LEGAL OBSERVER TRAININ WHEN: 03/22 @5:30PM WHERE: ZOOM

"NLG-LA works to ensure the legal and practical access to demonstrations in Southern California by regularly providing legal observers at demonstrations to observe and document potentially unlawful or oujustified interference with demonstrators' rights by law enforcement." Join the CEC and National Lawyer's Guild of LA for a training to be certified as a legal observer.



Direct Action @ Pitzer; The People's Pitzer; and The National Lawyer's Guild of Los Angeles Present ... Legal Observer Training

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For more information, contact immediate\_action@pitzer.edu



Community Partner Panel/ Panel de Socios De La Comunidad When/Cuando: 03/22 @5:30PM Where/Donde: Zoom Spanish Interpretation will be provided/ Se brindarán servicios de Interpretation en Español.

Join us as we hear from CEC community partners about their work organizing in the Inland Empire and ways for students to get involved.

/Únate a nosotros mientras escuchamos a los socios de la comunidad de CEC sobre su trabajo de organización en el Inland Empire y las formas en que los estudiantes pueden participar.

Sign up/

#### Registrate Aqui: <u>tinyurl.com/NLGLegalObserverSignUp</u>

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