

STAND Open House

10 Feb 2020.



Agenda

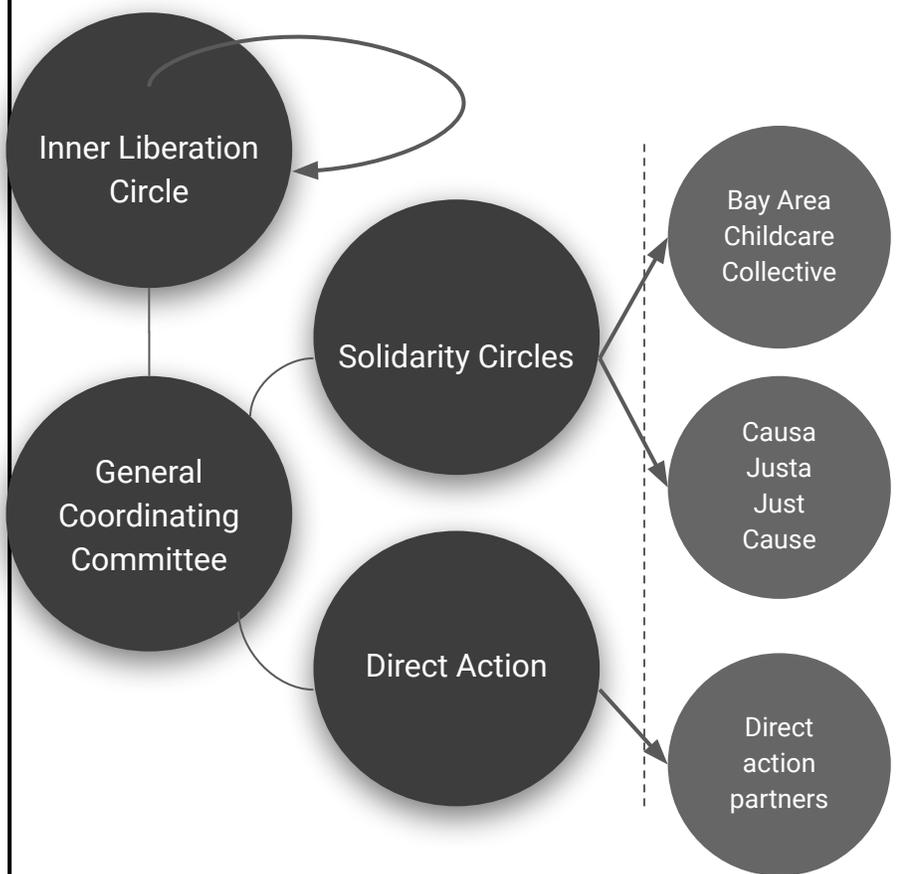
- 7p Meet, Greet and Eat
- 7:20 Group intro
- 7:35 "Who are STAND?"
- 7:55 Breakout
 - Check-ins
 - Circles Q & A
- 8:50 Closing



History

- **Years Active:** 2015-present
- **Volunteer Hours** last year: ~ 200
- **Membership** Active: ~20
- **Political Lineage:**
 - 1980 Oakland Men's Project (Paul Kivel)
 - 1980 People's Institute for Survival & Beyond
 - 1993 Catalyst Project
 - 2010 White Noise
 - 2015? SURJ Bay Area
- **Made a website:** just recently

Context & Activities



STAND's Commitments

1. Follow grassroots POC, indigenous, women & trans, leadership
2. Lifelong learning on our racism, sexism
3. "Call-in" other white men to join us
4. Contribute our time & money to dismantle oppression

Full text:

<https://standbayarea.com/commitment/>



Ways to Participate

Solidarity Circle

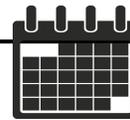
1. 2-4 hours volunteering/month
 - a. For either BACC or CJJC
2. Plus one 2-hour meeting per month
3. 6 month, March—August, commitment

Inner Liberation Circle

1. Practice building relationships, being vulnerable, and talking race and gender
2. Drop-in; no long-term commitment

Direct Action (not a well-defined circle yet)

1. Help organize and/or attend actions
2. Find and build org partners for STAND



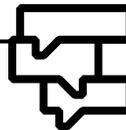
Calendar

Solidarity Circle 7-9p

- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4
- July 9
- August 6

Inner Lib. 7:30-9:30p

- February 27
- March 24
- April 30
- May 27
- June 22
- July 28



Food for thought

Excerpt from “Love as the Practice of Freedom”

by bell hooks

From *Outlaw Culture: Resisting Representations* (1994)

Without an ethic of love shaping the direction of our political vision and our radical aspirations, we are often seduced, in one way or the other, into continued allegiance to systems of domination—imperialism, sexism, racism, classism. It has always puzzled me that women and men who spend a lifetime working to resist and oppose one form of domination can be systematically supporting another. I have been puzzled by powerful visionary black male leaders who can speak and act passionately in resistance to racial domination and accept and embrace sexist domination of women, by feminist white women who work daily to eradicate sexism but who have major blind spots when it comes to acknowledging and resisting racism and white supremacist domination of the planet. Critically examining these blind spots, I conclude that many of us are motivated to move against domination solely when we feel our self-interest directly threatened. Often, then, the longing is not for a collective transformation of society, an end to politics of dominations, but rather simply for an end to what we feel is hurting us. This is why we desperately need an ethic of love to intervene in our self centered longing for change. Fundamentally, if we are only committed to an improvement in that politic of domination that we feel leads directly to our individual exploitation or oppression, we not only remain attached to the status quo but act in complicity with it, nurturing and maintaining those very systems of domination. Until we are all able to accept the interlocking, interdependent nature of systems of domination and recognize specific ways each system is maintained, we will continue to act in ways that undermine our individual quest for freedom and collective liberation struggle.