

Disability Culture and Justice Leadership Institute  
Saturdays October 6 - December 8 2018  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Application deadline: September 15th

The intent of the Institute is to build power in disability communities by bringing together disability leaders and creating a collective home where our voices come first. Our cross disability and intersectional Institute will be based on the principles of Disability Justice. We envision that through this training, leaders will gain skills and knowledge in accessible organizing while we learn from each other. We are prioritizing the following identities to make up our cohort of leaders: 50% BIPOC, 50% Queer and 100% Disabled. Leaders will participate in interactive training sessions featuring:

- building grassroots movements
- disability culture and art
- race, racism
- intersectionality
- using relational access and engagement of our bodies for liberation
- capitalism
- policy change
- internalized oppression and truth-telling

Leaders will utilize these concepts to tackle real-world issues through action oriented community building and activism.

Our vision is to build a statewide Disability Justice Coalition to address institutional ableism and demand change.

#### Participant Expectations

- Attend all sessions. 2 sessions may be missed in case of emergency. Please make all effort to let us know in advance: [disabilityartculture@gmail.com](mailto:disabilityartculture@gmail.com).
- Commit to ongoing collaboration for 8 hours per month for an activism project through March 31, 2019 with one of the following organizations. These 8 hours include one monthly REAL: Reject Economic Ableist Limits meeting. Participants receive a stipend of \$300 upon completion of their 6-month commitment.
- Meet regularly with the facilitator guiding your activism project, and fill out monthly reports.
- Update the cohort and facilitators on the work you did during your activism project through storytelling performance, or a presentation at the final celebration for the Institute.
- The Institute is open to applicants of high school age or older.

## Participant Contact Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pronoun: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (home): \_\_\_\_\_

For those who are Deaf, hard of hearing, or with other speech / communication disabilities, please indicate phone preferences (e.g. VRS / texting on cell):

We are committed to providing accommodations needed for full participation of our leaders. If you have an accommodation need (e.g. alternate formats for materials, ASL, CART, audio description, navigating TriMet and LIFT), please describe your need. Contact [disabilityartculture@gmail.com](mailto:disabilityartculture@gmail.com) with any questions.

Do you identify as:

- BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color)
- Queer
- Disabled/Deaf

In what other ways do you identify?

A central principle of disability justice involves the use of intersectionality as a framework for examining the ways that race, gender, etc. impact disabled communities. In what ways does intersectionality inform your organizing and cultural work?

The Institute is designed to activate leaders for Disability Justice. Tell us about your passion for organizing and activism as it relates to Disability Justice (e.g. policy, campaign work, rallies, arts activism).

It is difficult to discuss and carry out this deep, personal work. You may feel uncomfortable throughout the trainings. So that we can best support you throughout the Institute, please let us know how you take care of yourself, and what you need during the training:

Racial justice is imperative to disability movements. Given the central role white supremacy has always played in the U.S. and in Oregon specifically, it is urgent that we confront racism and xenophobia in the work we do every day. How have racial justice politics influenced your thinking? What anti-racist work have you engaged in?

Disability Culture and Justice Leadership Institute Facilitators:

Kathy Coleman, MSW

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