Dance/NYC seeks to dismantle white supremacy in dance and amplify the voices and autonomy of the African, Latina/o/x, Asian, Arab, and Native American (ALAANA) community. Please refer to Dance/NYC’s Racial Justice Agenda to learn more about our work.

Dance/NYC’s vision for a just, equitable, and inclusive dance ecology is short- and long-term and encompasses changes to policy, investments, programs, attitudes, and actions impacting ALAANA artists, cultural workers, and audiences. Dance/NYC recognizes that racial justice does not exist individually or siloed from additional equity areas and interrelated forces of oppression (e.g., disability, immigrant matters, economic justice) in its work nor in the lives of its constituents. Instead, racial justice requires an intersectional approach that builds upon multiple areas that together create a more just, equitable, and inclusive dance ecology.

Below you can find a list of anti-racism resources and advocacy action items for how you and your organization can take steps towards justice, equity, and inclusion.

RESOURCES

Dance/NYC Racial Justice Information

- Dance/NYC’s has a full glossary and resource directory: Dance.NYC/JEIdirectory including:
  - Racial Equity Tools for Organizational Impact Assessments
  - Continuum on Becoming an Anti-Racist Multicultural Organization
  - Essay by Robin DiAngelo: White Fragility
  - Dance/NYC Racial Justice Agenda
- May 29, 2020: Open Letter To The Dance Community in Response to the Murders of Black People
- June 10, 2020: Open letter To The Dance Community On Taking Action in Support of Black Lives

Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Partner Resources

- #ArtsGoBlack campaign: The Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute (CCCADI) officially launched the #ArtsGoBlack Campaign for organizations that wish to take real action. Please visit artsgo.black and take the pledge. Once signed up, you will receive a questionnaire and a toolkit for your use to let your constituents know that you are ready to end racism in the Arts and Cultural field.
- The Black Report by the International Association of Blacks in Dance

For Black Folks

- Actors Equity: The Healing with The Actors Fund Group for Black-Identified Entertainment Professionals begins July 23. Learn more and request an interview.
- Affinity Space on Third Thursdays: Black Mamass
- Angela’s Pulse and their associated organizations
- Black Art Futures Fund
- Black Girl Pilates also on Instagram @commandofitnesscollective
- Black-Led Dance Companies and Arts Organizations (also listed below in the Donate section)
- Coalition for Diasporan Scholars Moving
- Ethel’s Club
- Jar of Love Fund from Artnoir
- Love Letters to Black People from Alesha Harris’ What to Send Up When It Goes Down
- People of Color Healing Circle
- Queer Dollar Project is providing financial support to Black queer/trans artists
Woodshed Dance

Mental Health:
- **Free group therapy for young Black women and gender-expansive people** with the Unplug Collective, plus a Talkspace Discount
- **Liberate** is a subscription-based meditation app that includes practices and talks designed for the BIPOC community.
- **National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network**
- **The Loveland Foundation** has a therapy fund for Black women and girls
- **Therapy for Black Girls** has resources and a therapist network
- **Zencare** lets you filter therapists by racial identity, gender, and specialty
- **44 Mental Health Resources for Black People Trying to Survive in This Country** by SELF

For LGBTQ+ Folks
- **Callen Lorde Community Health Center** provides sensitive, quality health care and related services for New York’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community
- **Gays and Lesbians Living in a Transgender Society (GLITS)** provides post-incarceration support for trans New Yorkers, as well as career training, housing referrals, and clothing referrals
- **Queer Detainment Project** assists folks coming out of immigration detention in securing structural, health/wellness, educational, legal, and housing services
- **Revolutionary Hope: A Conversation Between James Baldwin and Audre Lorde**
- **The Trevor Project** provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ youth ages 16–25 with their 24/7 hotline
- **Trans Lifeline** peer support service run by trans people, for trans and questioning callers, as well as microgrants for trans BIPOC to fund documentation changes

For BIPOC Folks
- **Actors Equity: The Healing with The Actors Fund Group for Non-Black POC Entertainment Professionals begins July 30. Learn more and request an interview.**
- Arts Leaders of Color Emergency Fund: BIPOC artists and arts administrators impacted by COVID-19 are eligible for $200 microgrants through **Arts Administrators of Color Network. Apply to the fund.**
- **Join the artEquity community as they share strategies for interfacing with white leadership; what to do when sh*t goes down; how to navigate white women and their tears; how to cultivate BIPOC solidarity; and how to know when it's time to go.**
  - **Friday Forum Sessions 1:30p - 3:30p ET - Registration** is required for all sessions and open to all BIPOC.
  - **Sunday Support Sessions 1:30p - 3:00p ET - Registration coming soon.**

Readings

Articles
- **a word for white people in two parts** by adrienne maree brown
- **A Open Letter to White Non-Profits** by Ysabel Y. Gonzalez
- **An Open Letter to Arts Organizations Rampant with White Supremacy** by Nana Chinara
- **Breaking the Chain: Healing Racial Trauma in the Body** with Resmaa Menakken
- **“Dear White Boss...”** by Keith A. Caver and Ancella B. Livers
- **Decolonizing Antiracism** by Bonita Lawrence and Enakshi Dua
- **Enough Already with the Statements of “Solidarity,” Arts World** by Kaisha S. Johnson
- **I Said, Can You Hear Me Now** by the International Association of Blacks in Dance
- **Letter from a Birmingham Jail** by Martin Luther King Jr.
- **Non-Black People of Color Need to Start Having Conversations About the Anti-Blackness in Our Communities** by Sharon Park
- **On Racial Justice: A Letter From Billie Holiday Theatre Artistic Director Dr. Indira Etingoff**
- **Peeling Back the Skin of Racism: Real History and Race in Dance Education** by Julie Kerr-Berry
- **Policy Platforms** from Movement for Black Lives
- **Talking About Race** by The National Museum of African American History and Culture
- **The Deafening Silence of Dance Organizations** by Gregory King
- **Want To Have Better Conversations About Race With Your Parents? Here’s How** by NPR
- **White People Must Save Themselves from Whiteness** by Venita Blackburn
- **White People! Move to the Back of the Line!** by Amy Smith
- **white supremacy culture** by Tema Okun
- **Yup. Non-profit culture and performative activism perpetuate ableism and anti-Blackness** by Amber Butts

For Parents and Families
- **Activist New York Black Lives Matters, Young Lords and Health Inequality Sections Virtual Field Trips** by Museum of the City New York
- *Children's books on race and racial justice compiled* by Caroline Pryor
- *Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners*, a list of children's books on Black culture in America
- *Online Resources for Families Regarding Racial Injustice* by The Children's Museum of the Arts
- *Systemic Racism Explained* by activtv
- *White Kids: Growing Up with Privilege in a Racially Divided America* by Margaret A. Hagerman
- *Your Kids Aren't Too Young to Talk About Race: Resource Roundup* by Pretty Good

**On Asian Americans and Black Solidarity**
- *Asian Communities Must Desert the American Empire and Protect Black Lives* by Xoài Pham
- *Black Power, Yellow Peril Towards a Politics of Afro-Asian Solidarity* by Diane Wong, Professor at NYU
- *Black and Asian-American Feminist Solidarities: A Reading List* by Black Women Radicals and the Asian American Feminist Collective
- *South Asians and Black Lives* by Deepa Iyer
- *Talking to your Asian immigrant family about race* by Eda Yu and Heji Rashdi

**On Latino/a/x Experiences and Black Solidarity**
- *Dismantling Anti-Blackness Together* by Lorgia García Peña
- *Rosa Clemente is Finally Coming to Grips with Its Own Racism* by León Krauze

**On Arab Americans, Afro-Arabs, and Black Solidarity**
- *"Arab-Black" Solidarity Shouldn't Erase Afro-Arabs and the Racism They Face in the Arab World* by Lama El-Hanan
- *Arabs and African Americans: A complicated relationship between solidarity and bigotry* by Ali Harb
- *Reciprocal Solidarity: Where the Black and Palestinian Queer Struggles Meet* by Sa'ed Atshan and Darnell L. Moore

**On Jewish Identity and Whiteness**
- *Jews for Racial and Economic Justice* in NYC
- *The Miseducation of Castlemont High* by B.A. Parker for This American Life
- *The Price of Whiteness: Jews, Race, and American Identity* by Eric L. Goldstein

**On Disability and Race**
- *Disability Solidarity: Completing the 'Vision for Black Lives'* by the Harriet Tubman Collective
- *Jina Kim discusses Disability, Race, and Infrastructural Neglect* by the Wesleyan Argus
- *Museum, Arts and Culture Access Consortium (MAC)*: July 26, 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Join MAC throughout the month of July to celebrate this landmark civil rights legislation and its impact on the arts.
- *Police Violence Frequently Targets Black People—and we hardly ever talk about it* by Rachel Anspach
- *Response: Concerns re Disability/Deaf Rights Communities' Response to Policing System's Violence, and other publications* by Talia A. Lewis
- *Statement on Disability Justice* by Showing Up for Racial Justice
- *Voices of Black disabled people and resources for accessible protests* by Alice Wong

**Books**
- *Anti-Racism Reading List* from The Millions
- *Are Prisons Obsolete?* by Angela Davis
- *Black Liberation Reading List* by NYPL Schomburg Center Staff
- *Black Dance Scholarship by Black Dance Scholars* from the Dance Studies Association
- *Black History Month Library* compiled by Charles Preston
- *Brown Girl in the Ring* by Nalo Hopkinson
- *Citizen* by Claudia Rankine
- *From the War on Poverty to the War on Crime: The Making of Mass Incarceration in America* by Elizabeth Hinton
- *Images: A Queer Anthology* compiled by Jamal Jones
- *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem
- *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* by Paulo Freire
- *Stamped from the Beginning* by Ibram X. Kendi
- *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander
- *40+ Books for Anti-Racist Teachers*
- *50 Amazing Books By Black Authors From The Past 5 Years*
- *10 Black-Owned Online Bookstores to Support While at Home*
- You can order from these [Black-Owned book stores](#)

**Guided Self-Reflection**
• AWAKE to WOKE to WORK: Building a Race Equity Culture by Equity in the Center
• Dismantling Racism Works Web Workbook
• Expressive Writing Prompts to Use If You’ve Been Accused of White Fragility, Spiritual Bypass or White Privilege by Leesa Renee Hall
• Me and White Supremacy by Layla Saad
• Notice the Rage, Notice the Silence by Resmaa Menakem
• Reflection resources for non-Black POC by Carry Our Weight
• The Guide to Allyship
• Your Black Friends Are Busy app

Trainings & Consultation
• Alia Lahlou, Affiliate Consultant/Trainer, Interaction Institute for Social Change
• Allied Media Projects
• Alternate ROOTS + Arts and Activism Tools
• Betty's Daughter Arts Collaborative
• Cultural Equity Learning Community - Specifically for non-Black arts administrators
• Healing from Internalized Whiteness through Everyday Feminism
• PISAB - People's Institute for Undoing Racism
• PURPOSE Productions
• Race Forward
• Service Never Sleeps Allyship Workshop through Dance/USA - Sign up to be added to the waitlist
• Sonny Singh, Social Justice Educator and board member of TakeRoot Justice
• The BIPOC Project
• The Blind Spot
• Urban Bush Women

Donate
• Black Lives Matter Movement
• Donate to Black Visions Collective
• Gays and Lesbians Living in a Transgender Society (GLITS)
• Here is a running list of additional Black-led Dance/Arts Orgs you can support (please note this is an independently compiled starting list and will grow with time)
• Invest in Black Communities
• Operation Obsidian: Housing for Black Trans Men by Trans in Color
• Support Black Culture in NYC
• The Okra Project
• Trans Lifeline
• Trans Women of Color Collective

Background Information on Reparations
• H.R. 40 bill: Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act
• "H.R. 40 is not a Symbolic Act. It's a Path to Restorative Justice" by Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, U.S. House of Representatives for the ACLU
• Reparations - Has the Time Finally Come? by Nkechi Taifa for the ACLU
• Ta-Nahesi Coates' Opening Statement on Reparations at House Hearing
• The Case for Reparations by Ta Nehsi-Coates
• Policy Platform on Reparations from the Movement for Black Lives
• Cultural Reparations One-Pager from the Movement for Black Lives
• ReparationsNYC project by FABnyc will produce reparations-related programming
• 'Why We Can't Wait' letter to Congress

Watch
• History of US Policing with Khalil Gibran Muhammad on Democracy Now
• Intangible Roots by Moncell Durden
• Is the Dance Community Silent? | Virtual Town Hall hosted by SOLE Defined 6/4/2020
• Living Room Protest by Staceyann Chin and daughter Zuri on YouTube
• On Whiteness by Claudia Rankine
• Race in America: Reimagining Capitalism with Darren Walker
• Radical Self Care by Angela Davis
• Robin DiAngelo on "White Fragility"

Donate
For Organizations: Recreating Systems

- Action Tools from Dismantling Racism
- BlackSpace Manifesto
- Beyond the Streets – Accessible Version
- Characteristics of White Supremacy Culture by Kenneth Jones and Tema Okun
- Creatives for Black Lives: Where the creative community does pro bono work for organizations working towards justice for black people.
- Crises as a Catalyst - A Call for Race Equity & Inclusive Leadership by Prolnspire
- Decolonizing Wealth by Edgar Villanueva
- Fractured Atlas’ Culture of Experimentation, a conversation with Shawn Anderson, Tim Cynova, Lauren Ruffin, and Pallavi Shamma
- How to Manage When Things Are Not Okay (And Haven’t Been for Centuries) by the Management Center
- How White People Conquered the Non-Profit Industry And why they won’t be going anywhere, anytime soon by Anastasia Reesa Tomkin
- Is Your Company Actually Fighting Racism, or Just Talking About It? by Kira Hudson Banks and Richard Harvey
- Mapping Our Roles in Social Change Ecosystems by Deepa Iyer
- Racial Equity Readiness Assessment for Workforce Development from Race Forward
- REAL TALK!, a guided response to Creating New Futures: Working Guidelines for Ethics & Equity in Presenting Dance & Performance, a tentatively-titled, living document-in-progress
- Recognizing Systemic Racism in the Dance Field by Alicia Mullkin
- So You Want to Be an Anti-Racist Organization Now What? by Nicola Carpenter
- State of the Arts: Anti-Racist Pedagogy in Theatre and Dance Programs with Khalid Long
- Wildcat Manual for Tactical Self-Enfranchisement by Wildcat!

ADVOCACY RESOURCES

Take Action

- Complete the 2020 Census: Stand strong with your fellow New Yorkers at this time: Billions are at stake. Fill out the census today at my2020census.gov
  - Black Lives Count Toolkit - NYC Census 2020
- Donate Memorabilia: The New-York Historical Society is actively collecting materials related to the pandemic and to the Black Lives Matter protests through their ongoing History Responds initiative. They seek to preserve signs, flyers, political face masks, protective gear, artwork distributed to protesters, and the stories connected to those items, before they disappear.
- H.R. 40: Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act - The bill was introduced to the House in January 2019 and needs to be considered by committee before it can be sent on to the House or Senate as a whole.
  - Call or write to Congress
  - (S 3985) JUSTICE Act passed. The act would: discourage, but not ban, tactics such as chokeholds and no-knock warrants, require local law enforcement agencies to report all officer-involved deaths to the FBI and encourage broader use of body-worn cameras. The Senate is expected to vote on it this week. Call or write to Congress.
- Join the Movement for Black Lives National Call to Action by texting ActionNOWPLEDGE to 90975
- Sign Black Lives Matter Petitions
- Sign on to the International Association of Blacks in Dance open letter calling out white supremacy in the dance field entitled Dear White American Dance Community.
- Sign on to Jazz Dance - Call to Action Letter
- Sign on to Open Letter from Arts and Cultural Workers of NYC, Demanding the Defunding of the Police and Investment in BIPOC Communities
- Sign on your organization to Nonprofits' Open Letter to the City to Center Black and People of Color Led Organizations in Reallocating Policing Funds
- Sign up to testify or submit written testimony at City Council hearings
- Ways You Can Help by Black Lives Matter
- Follow the NYC chapter of Showing Up For Racial Justice
- Opportunities for White People in the Fight for Racial Justice by the White Accomplices
Celebrate Juneteenth

- Honoring the 155th Anniversary of Juneteenth by Summerstage
- Six Nineteen: DEFEND BLACK LIVES - actions starting June 19th and continuing throughout the month.
- BlkFreedom: 6 Black museums commemorate the 155th anniversary of Juneteenth

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