



# Drawing the Connections: Reproductive Justice and the Global Social Justice Movement

## OBJECTIVE

The activity seeks to integrate sexual and reproductive rights and justice into the broader global social justice movement by giving reproductive justice activists a tool to reach out to activists in other movements and to motivate groups working on other issues to address links between their work and reproductive justice. By the end of this activity, participants will be able to describe concrete links between reproductive justice and other justice movements.

## TIME

30 minutes  
60 minutes with optional small group discussion

## MATERIALS

Markers and flipchart or whiteboard

## PREPARATION

Read the resources documents listed below. Replicate the Drawing the Connections template on a whiteboard or flipchart.

## RESOURCES

Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice. 2005. A new vision for advancing our movement for reproductive health, reproductive rights and reproductive justice. Available at [http://www.reproductivejustice.org/download\\_ACRJ\\_A\\_New\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.reproductivejustice.org/download_ACRJ_A_New_Vision.pdf)

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center. Causes in common: Reproductive rights and LGBT liberation. Available at [http://www.gaycenter.org/program\\_folders/cicbooklet.pdf](http://www.gaycenter.org/program_folders/cicbooklet.pdf)

SisterSong. 2006. Understanding reproductive justice. Available at [http://www.sistersong.net/publications\\_and\\_articles/Understanding\\_RJ.pdf](http://www.sistersong.net/publications_and_articles/Understanding_RJ.pdf)

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Explain the process and purpose of the activity.
2. To jumpstart the discussion, draw one of the connections and explain the link (examples on page 4).
3. Encourage the participants to draw the next connection by asking "How does a reproductive injustice create an injustice in these other movements?"
4. Participants should be encouraged to add other movements that are not already on the board.
5. You may have to prompt participants with a scenario for the link for the first (or first few) movements, but this activity should be based on group participation.
6. As participants make links, draw an outward arrow from the Reproductive Justice box to the appropriate movement's box.
7. The activity ends when there are arrows extending from Reproductive Justice to all of the surrounding movements' boxes.
8. Confirm with the group that you have shown that reproductive justice is essential to all of the movements listed.

## VARIATIONS

### Optional small group discussion

1. Have participants split into groups based on their interests or field of work.
2. Ask them to discuss specific actions related to reproductive justice that they can initiate within their movements.
3. Monitor the groups, and give input if you feel they are getting stuck.
4. Ask the groups to choose a person who will report back to the larger group.
5. Actively moderate the process of reporting back to ensure that all small groups' ideas are shared.
6. Listen to responses from the groups, and keep detailed notes on their ideas on the flipchart or whiteboard.
7. After all groups have reported, summarize their ideas and conclude the activity.

## Drawing the Connections template

Draw this model on the flipchart before the workshop and leave room in case additional issues need to be added.

**Religious Issues**

**Labor Rights**

**LGBTQ Rights**

**Youth Rights**

**REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE**

**Violence**

**Economic Justice**

**Environmental Justice**

**Communities of Color**

## Drawing the Connections completed with examples

After the activity there should be arrows from reproductive justice to all of the surrounding issues drawn on the flipchart. These examples can be used to prompt participants.



