

21 ACRES



Resources & Reads to Raise Awareness and Fight Oppression

There is no shortage of resources available to raise awareness about racial equity and to fight oppression. Below are just a few select places to start—resources that some of us at 21 Acres use. If you have suggestions to add to this document, they are most welcome. Please email Robin Crowder, rbcrowder@21acres.org to share.

Learn about systemic racism.

Deepening understanding about racial issues and systemic bias are important steps toward addressing these issues. Here are some places to start:

Book: Farming While Black

<https://www.farmingwhileblack.org/>

Book: The Color of Food: Stories of Race, Resilience and Farming

<https://newsociety.com/books/c/the-color-of-food>

Book: White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism

https://robindiangelo.com/publications/?mc_cid=5af793319c&mc_eid=d7691b3

Book: The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

<https://newjimcrow.com/>

Book: Freedom is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine and the Foundations of a Movement

<https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/780-freedom-is-a-constant-struggle>

Books & Articles: Author, Ta-Nehisi Coates

Coates is a national correspondent for *The Atlantic*, where he writes about culture, politics, and social issues. He is the author of *The Beautiful Struggle*, *Between the World and Me*, and *We Were Eight Years in Power*.

Books & Articles: Author, bell hooks

bell hooks is a prolific author and social activist who has written many books and articles on race and justice issues as well as feminism. Here's a link to many of her writings, including the book, *Killing Rage--Ending Racism*.

<https://www.thriftbooks.com/a/bell-hooks/198794/>

Watch: Trevor Noah

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/daily-show-host-trevor-noah-police-in-america-are-looting-black-bodies>

Watch: Reimagining Policing in the Wake of Continued Police Violence

<https://www.obama.org/anguish-and-action/>

Article: 75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice

<https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234>

Report: Indigenous voters face racism and suppression.

https://www.hcn.org/issues/52.6/indigenous-affairs-election-2020-report-indigenous-voters-face-racism-and-suppression?utm_source=wc1&utm_medium=email

Article: Why Racial Justice is Climate Justice

https://grist.org/fix/combatting-climate-change-covid-19-and-systemic-injustice-on-the-same-front/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=beacon

Article: Racism Derails Our Attempts to Fight The Climate Crisis

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/06/03/im-black-climate-scientist-racism-derails-our-efforts-save-planet/>

Read: National Young Farmers Coalition Racial Equity Toolkit

<https://www.youngfarmers.org/resource/racialequitytoolkit/>

Read: NYFC Ending Violence Against People of Color in Food and Farming

<https://www.youngfarmers.org/2016/09/ending-violence-against-people-of-color-in-food-and-farming/>

Conduct anti-bias training.

Anti-bias training seeks to increase understanding of differences and actively challenge discrimination and bias in organizations and workplaces. This type of training helps lead to a more respectful and civil society by reducing all forms of discrimination. There are many organizations locally and across the country that conduct anti-bias training. Here are a few:

The People's Institute Northwest: <https://www.pinwseattle.org/>

Non-profit Anti-Racism Coalition: <https://www.nparcseattle.org/>

Families of Color Seattle: <https://www.focseattle.org/>

Report incidents.

Reporting bias incidents is an essential part of systemic solutions. Learn where to do that in your community:

City of Seattle: <http://www.seattle.gov/civilrights/civil-rights/outreach-and-engagement/report-bias>

Support businesses owned by people of color.

Systemic racism and inequities often mean that resources are funneled to predominantly white-owned businesses.

We recommend actively seeking out organizations in your area who can point you to businesses and nonprofits owned and led by people of color. Chambers of Commerce, merchants associations, trade associations, and nonprofit organizations can help you learn about businesses in your area.

Here in our area we recommend connecting with Tilth Alliance and the Washington State Farmers Market Association to learn how to connect with farmers of color.

Specific farm organizations to support in our area, owned or managed by people of color, include:

Clean Greens: <https://www.cleangreensfarm.net/>
<https://southseattleemerald.com/2019/06/25/clean-greens-brings-sustainable-food-economy-to-seattle/>

Yes Farm: <https://www.facebook.com/YesFarmSeattle/>
<https://www.seattleglobalist.com/2019/05/01/farmers-of-color-reclaim-farming-as-a-place-of-healing-but-there-is-much-work-to-do/83443>

Nurturing Roots: <https://nurturingrootsfarm.bigcartel.com/>
<https://www.seattlefoundation.org/Blog/Articles/2018/09/nurturing-healthy-food-and-eating>

Willowood Farm: <https://willowoodfarm.wordpress.com/>
<https://foodtank.com/news/2018/03/melony-edwards-willowood-farm-ebey-prairie-food-tank-seattle-summit/>

Support activist organizations.

If you would like to join us in making a difference, consider getting involved and supporting the work of these local organizations:

Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County: <https://blacklivesseattle.org/>. The core activists and organizers of BLM Seattle King County is a group of Black and other people of color focused on dismantling anti-black systems and policies of oppression.

Solid Ground Seattle: <https://www.solid-ground.org>. Solid Ground works to end poverty and undo racism and other oppressions that are root causes of poverty.

Black Farmers Collective: <https://www.blackfarmerscollective.com/>. The Black Farmers Collective is a group of urban food system activists dedicated to providing opportunities to improve the health of our communities through all aspects of the food system.

ACLU Washington: <https://www.aclu.org/affiliate/washington>. The ACLU works in the courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

NAACP: <https://www.naacp.org/>. The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

National Urban League: <https://nul.org/>. The National Urban League spearheads the efforts of its local affiliates through the development of programs, public policy research and advocacy.

Family Agriculture Resource Management Services (F.A.R.M.S.): <https://www.30000acres.org/>. FARMS is a national nonprofit dedicated to reversing small farm land loss to ensure generational wealth and reducing hunger in rural low-income communities. We also assist farmers with retail market expansion to ensure future farm revenue. We provide these services with integrity and quality.

Black Urban Growers: <https://www.blackurbangrowers.org/>. Black Urban Growers (BUGS) is an organization committed to building networks and community support for growers in both urban and rural settings. Through education and advocacy around food and farm issues, we nurture collective Black leadership to ensure we have a seat at the table.

La Via Campesina: <https://viacampesina.org/en/>. La Via Campesina is an international movement bringing together millions of peasants, small and medium size farmers, landless people, rural women and youth, indigenous people, migrants and agricultural workers from around the world. Built on a strong sense of unity, solidarity between these groups, it defends peasant agriculture for food sovereignty as a way to promote social justice and dignity and strongly opposes corporate driven agriculture that destroys social relations and nature.

Take action!

Donating, calling your representatives, and having conversations are just a few ways to get involved. Here's what you can do:

Take Action: A List of Ways You Can Stand In Solidarity with the Black Community

<https://www.adhoc.fm/post/black-lives-matter-resources-and-funds/>

Civil Eats: Want to See Food and Land Justice for Black Americans? Support These Groups.

<https://civileats.com/2020/06/02/want-to-see-food-and-land-justice-for-black-americans-support-these-groups/>

Ally Resource Guide

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sbmCgvPcjhZRn-2WFpYjSBwj7qVOgpdEHJM-ejyLb-s/preview?pru=AAABcppC07k*1CUaG0VhNMP6U21azb9Csg&mc_cid=5af793319c&mc_eid=d7691b37e8#heading=h.zgzh5mcjn2g9

Racial Equity Challenge Resources from Food Solutions NE

<https://foodsolutionsne.org/racial-equity-challenge-resources/>