

SURVIVAL + RESISTANCE

Power with Survivors Power for Communities

This year at our annual fundraiser, Paint the Town (La) Red: A Celebration of Survival, The Network/La Red launched its first ever year-long campaign, *Survival and Resistance: Power with Survivors, Power for Communities*. As experts in the cycle and tactics of abuse, we recognized how the new administration perpetuates abuse globally and grants abusers the tools and freedom to abuse without consequence.

While oppression and injustice are what this country was founded on, the recent election inspired us to resist and survive in new ways. *Survival and Resistance: Power with Survivors, Power for Communities* was created with the intent to center the lives of survivors by making visible the connection between partner abuse and oppression, which are both about maintaining power and control.

For instance, PRIDE celebrations and festivals have perpetuated the same abuse as the new administration. What was originally created by trans folk of color in the name of anti-oppression is now rooted in capitalism and white supremacy. Boston Pride is no exception. For years, Boston Pride has been ableist, racist, transphobic, and classist. When asked to hold themselves accountable, they have been dismissive and silencing. There are countless other spaces, organization, and institutions around the country

that consistently oppress and abuse us, and we must resist against them.

The work to end abuse and oppression cannot be done in isolation. This campaign is about collaborating with our communities to work towards liberation while building relationships. It is about sharing power and creating the communities we want to see for ourselves and for the other survivors we work with.

Inspired by Chicana radical, Gloria Anzaldua, our first event *Wild Tongues: Stories for Ourselves* aims to reclaim power by uplifting the stories of survivors of partner abuse and/or oppression with poetry, music, plays, photographs, choreography, etc. The event will be held at 6:30pm on June 29th at the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, 10 Putnam Street 02119. Doors open at 6pm.

Join us in taking an active role against partner abuse and oppression. Survive and resist with The Network/La Red as we work towards liberation. Visit tnlr.org for more information.



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"TNLR has inspired me and taught me a lot about the connections between partner abuse and oppression, so it's exciting to support their campaign that's both uplifting the voices of survivors and resisting oppression."

- Maya Milic-Strkalj



"This campaign is an opportunity to do something both concrete and proactive, which gives me a sense of hope and empowerment. It is proof, to me, that there are still a great many who not only believe in dignity and respect for all, but that we are willing to do whatever it takes to protect those ideals, and fight to make them a reality."

- Danielle Fontaine

