MOVEMENT BUILDING PRACTICE: Movement Inquiry Questions

Developed in conjunction with the Transformative Movement Building Webinar Series. For further exploration, including more movement building practice guides and the archived webinars, visit www.movetoendviolence.org/resources.
**Movement Reflection**

Why are you here? Are you audacious enough to believe that ending violence is possible? What will it take – from us individually and together – to do this? What are you longing to create in its wake? What do we need to do, be or have to take the risk and try? Where do you feel resonance and energy? What are the questions you are most passionate about exploring? What questions would you add?

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### Purpose

**What is the change in society we want and need?**

How do you see and understand the core problem? What quality and scale of change are you seeking? Can you imagine a world without violence? How and why do you believe this is actually possible? What will it take?

- What do we mean by violence? By gender violence? Why focus on girls and women in the work to end violence?
- What is the story about violence in our society? How could we interrupt this story and replace it with a new one to live into?
- What are the core elements of this changed world – a world without violence? What is supporting connected or allied?

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### Bigger We

**Who do we need to be to change the world?**

What is the movement we want and need to end violence? How could we be/grow a “Bigger We” that could be a force for this change? What is the way of being – the capacities and qualities – we need to manifest this change in our selves?

- Who/what is at the heart of your movement? What is core, connected, supporting, allied?
- Where are the tensions and how have you built alignment across tension?
- What habits are in our way of growing this “bigger we”? What would we need to do, have or be differently to grow it?

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### New Strategies & Ways:

**How do we get there?**

What solutions and strategies are/could be used to manifest this change in the world? What false solutions are in our way? What solutions could break through places we have been polarized/stuck as a movement?

- Where have we taken significant risks and what has it meant? Where do we need to take more risk?
- Where have we been successful at incorporating race, gender, sexual identity, age, and/or into our work? Where are we still struggling? How does this impact our ability to advance our agenda?
- Is there a time when collaboration enabled us to do something we would not have been able to accomplish on our own?
- Social change depends on activating the masses to stand with you. Where have we done that well? Where have we been challenged? What does winning look like?
- When have we experienced drawbacks / unintended consequences of our strategies? (How) have you resolved disagreements in the movement?