



THE COMMONS

Social Change Library

SEARCH



The Commons vision is an Australia that has well informed, skilled, collaborative and effective movements for social and ecological justice.

The Commons is an online library for the benefit of the Australian public. All of our resources are freely available to anyone with an internet connection.

We collect, curate and distribute the key lessons and resources related to social change from around Australia and across the globe.

The Commons connects time poor change makers with the information and skills they need to be more effective.

Browse Library Topics



Campaign Strategy



Organising



Digital Campaigning



Theories of Change



Nonviolent Direct Action



Tactics



Management



Working in Groups



Wellbeing



First Nation Resources



Diversity & Inclusion



Coalition Building



The Commons makes materials available in many different forms.

Format

Articles

Tips

Case Studies

Speeches and Presentations

Training Materials

Manuals

Interviews

Book Reviews

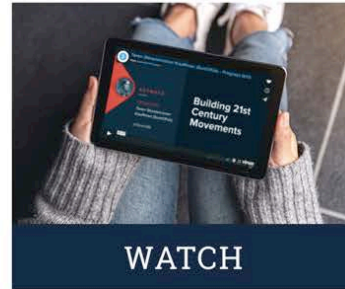
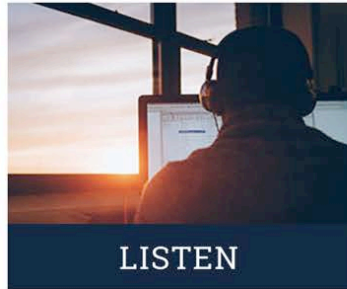
Templates

Reports

Books and Excerpts

Topic Overview

What would you like to do?



AUSTRALIAN
PROGRESS



 the change agency.org
SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY ACTION

 OPEN
Online Progressive Engagement Network

 NetChange

plan to win
social movement learning

The Commons
collects resources
from many
respected sources
in one central
accessible
location.

 counterAct



plan to
thrive .net.au



Change
Makers

Blueprints
for Change

MOB
LAB

The Commons gathers resources and undertakes projects to respond to emerging trends, needs and crises.

Reset
reading group

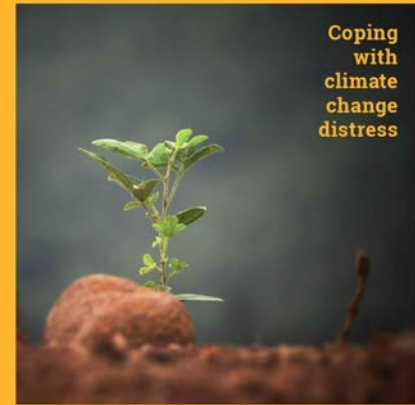
Ideas
for a just
future



Mutual Aid Disaster Relief
Resources on The Commons



Tips for election recovery



Coping
with
climate
change
distress

The Commons is meeting needs and gaining followers.

“ The Commons library is a wonderful one-stop shop for social change resources. The site is useful, easy to use, comprehensive, and best of all it's free! It has really helped me prepare training for our volunteers on meeting with their MP, doing a power analysis and other topics. I've recommended it to several of my keen volunteer organisers and use it myself regularly.

Lexie Keller Sheard, Lead Community Organiser, TEAR Australia (Aid & Development Sector)

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“ We have been using the Commons Library since May. It's beautiful, well organised and has so many resources that are useful for our group. The videos and other visual material are especially valuable.

Mai, Germany

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“ The Commons is a great hub for anyone who wants to get involved in the progressive movement. It has such a variety of tools, resources, readings and guides and caters for all people, no matter how far along they are on their activist journey. It has resources for almost every topic under the sun and ones that link everything together - the focus on intersectionality is refreshing.

Aliya Ahmad, Democracy in Colour

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“ What a tremendous and user-friendly resource The Commons Library is.

As the only person in my organisation that works on advocacy, organising, campaigning, alongside grassroots volunteer advocates, I rely on the library as my instant brains trust.

The website is intuitive, the librarians knowledgeable, and the library is growing.

I recommend the library to all my colleagues and our organisation’s volunteer advocates.

Sarina Foulstone, Council on the Ageing NSW (COTA)”



Much more is possible. The Commons is most effective when we are able to provide the right resource to the right audience at the right time.

To make sure more changemakers will have access to educational resources to support their important work we are planning a **Volunteer Program**.

The program will develop champions for the library in different parts of Australia and in different social movements. The training will address key skills gaps in Australian social movements including information management, archiving, research, writing, editing, and presentation of educational resources.



Donate so the Commons can continue to thrive and support progressive social change.

Investing in the Commons has an impact which is both deep and broad. The library equips and resources people working on many different projects and movements, building their skills and effectiveness in all areas of positive social change.

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- ◆ Involve us in events
- ◆ Engage us to develop specialist collections and training resources

Resources for
community action

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