A PRINT-AT-HOME DECK

Solidarity Love Languages

A tool for staying in relationship across difference.

Ultimately, the deck is designed to spark conversations and deepen mutual understanding that helps create communities of care. We believe the deck can in this way help movements build the trust and the relationships needed to keep working together and sustain collective action.

Make your deck

01 Choose your paper

Use US Letter paper. Cardstock gives a sturdier result; check the weight your printer supports.

02 Set up your print

Select 100% / Actual Size, portrait, and double-sided printing. Choose flip on LONG EDGE. Do not use Fit to Page.

03 Test the alignment

Print pages 3-4 first. Hold the sheet to a light to check that each front lines up with its matching back.

04 Print, then cut

Print pages 3-8 for the deck, or all pages with the intro. Let the ink dry, then cut along the crop marks using scissors or a ruler and craft knife.

Includes 12 cards on three double-sided sheets. Finished cards are approximately 3.25 x 4.65 in (83 x 118 mm). Small alignment shifts can occur with home printers.

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The Builders



The Dreamer



The Listener



The Risk-Taker

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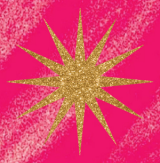
Creativity expands the horizon of possibility. Authoritarian systems thrive by narrowing the imagination and insisting that the present order is inevitable. Shared creative work—art, storytelling, music, speculation—opens space for new futures. In creativity, movements remember that the world is not finished.



"The imagination is the most powerful weapon."
— Diane di Prima

Movements do not survive on declarations alone. They survive on work done together — the small tasks that make collective life possible.

Solidarity often arrives quietly. It is the unseen labour that keeps movements alive: a ride offered after a late meeting, a meal prepared after a long protest, a strategy call that solves a logistical problem. When authoritarian conditions create fear and fragmentation, these gestures anchor solidarity in the material world. They remind us that movements are sustained not only by ideas, but by care enacted in practice.



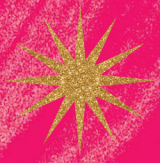
"Power exists only where people act together."
— Hannah Arendt

Some people carry greater risks within movements and communities. They may risk employment, immigration status, relationships, reputation, safety, or emotional well-being in order to protect others, confront harm, or refuse injustice. Risk is not shared equally. Solidarity means recognizing sacrifice, distributing responsibility, and ensuring that courage does not become isolation.



"Freedom is a constant struggle."
— Angela Davis

Curiosity is a radical gesture in polarized times. When political environments reward certainty and suspicion, curiosity opens the possibility of relationship. To witness another person's story without rushing to judgment is to resist the pressures that fragment movements. Curiosity keeps the conversation alive.



"Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing."
— Arundhati Roy

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The Shelter



The Teacher



The Thread



The Threshold

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Movements depend on people who carry histories, context, political education, and lived experience into collective spaces. Teachers help others understand systems of power, connect present struggles to past ones, and name harms that might otherwise remain invisible. This work is often emotionally and intellectually demanding, especially for those repeatedly asked to explain experiences of oppression or injustice. Teaching is a form of solidarity labour.



"The function of freedom is to free someone else."
— Toni Morrison

Solidarity creates refuge. Under political pressure, people need places where they can feel protected, supported, and understood. This safety is both material and emotional: shared resources, shared care, shared belonging. When people know they are not alone, they can face greater risks together.



"Care is the infrastructure of our survival."
— Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha

Not everyone enters a movement or community with certainty. Some people arrive unsure of where they fit, whether they belong, or what they can offer. In polarized times, many stand at the threshold: listening, hesitating, testing for safety, carrying contradiction or fear. Threshold spaces matter because solidarity is not only built by those who already feel certain. Sometimes transformation begins in uncertainty.



"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."
— James Baldwin

Movements are built through moments that rarely make headlines. A check-in message. A shared meal. Introducing two people who might collaborate. These micro-rituals weave the emotional infrastructure of solidarity. Over time, small gestures accumulate into trust.



"The smallest unit of humanity is not the individual but the relationship."
— John Berger

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The Tide



The Voice



The Witness



The Bridge

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Words shape political possibility. Affirmations build personal agency. At moments when doubt begins to creep in, language can restore courage. A reminder of shared purpose, a sentence that reframes despair, a voice that calls us back to our commitments. Words of power help movements remember their agency.



"Give people a language for what they have already lived."
— adrienne maree brown

Movements are also networks of nervous systems. In moments of fear or conflict, bodies react before ideas do. Co-regulation happens when people help one another return to steadiness—through listening, breathing, presence, and care. When groups learn to regulate collectively, they can remain in relationship even during disagreement.



"Boundaries are the distance at which I can love you and me simultaneously."
— Prentis Hemphill

Solidarity deepens when people move beyond symbolic support toward shared risk. Strategic alignment does not require perfect agreement. It asks instead: what struggles require us to move forward together despite our differences? When people tie their futures to one another, new forms of power become possible.



"Solidarity means recognizing that our lives are bound together."
— Angela Davis

The Witness honours the politics of presence. To show up is to place one's body within a collective struggle, even when the outcome is unclear. In gatherings, protests, meetings, and vigils, presence itself becomes a form of solidarity. Bodies gathered together create a force greater than the sum of individuals.



"Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity."
— Simone Weil

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