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#### **HOST A LIVE EVENT**

Hosting a live event in your community can be a very effective community organizing tool.

If you are interested in coordinating a local event or ongoing gallery exhibit that would show the videos created for *The Flores Exhibits*, <u>send us an email</u> with a brief description of your proposed venue (if it's your home, please provide the city or town in which you live) and whether you are interested in the *Gallery* or *Performance* structure.

#### **The Exhibit Gallery**

- Set up multiple screens (up to four), each with their own speakers
  - The space can be your own home, a community center, a classroom, a public park — anything. It's useful if there's enough room (or multiple rooms) so that the sound from each screen can be isolated to its own area.
  - The screens can be as simple as laptop computers, or can be larger TV screens or projectors if you have access to them.
- We will provide four distinct video files, each containing six different testimonies in a row.
   Each video will be played on a separate screen. Please DO NOT upload the files to a video sharing platform (Youtube, Vimeo). Play them through Quicktime Player,
   VLC Media Player, QLab or another offline platform.
- Make the space yours, and fill it with art and artistry:
  - Around the space, feel free to hang your own art or art from people in your community that aligns with the experiences and themes of these testimonies.
  - Think about what music will fill the space. If you have access to musicians, invite them to play. You can also choose pre-recorded music that you feel captures the themes and emotions at play.
- Invite guests to visit your space at a designated time.
  - Think of guests who would be energized to be part of this movement as well as guests who may need to hear these stories to open their eyes to these important experiences.
  - Invite your guests explore the space freely for half an hour.
- After half an hour, assemble your guests in a central area, and have a discussion. Feel free to use these questions as a starting point, or generate your own.
  - What stood out to you in the videos? What surprised you?
  - How are you feeling right now?

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- How can we make these stories more visible in our community? Brainstorm ways to communicate these stories more broadly.
- Who needs to hear these stories who is outside of this room? How can we get them to hear them?
- Take pictures and video from your live event and post them to social media. Use the hashtag #FloresExhibits and tag our Facebook, Instragram and/or Twitter profiles. [ADD HYPERLINKS]

#### Creating a Response Performance to The Flores Exhibits

- Set up one screen with speakers. If this is a larger space, this should be a larger television or projector. Many performance venues and classrooms will have a projector in the space.
- We will provide you with individual video files for the exhibits below. Please DO NOT
  upload the files to a video sharing platform (YouTube, Vimeo). Play them through
  Quicktime Player, VLC Media Player, QLab or another offline platform. You are also
  welcome to play any video off of the <a href="https://www.flores-exhibits.org">www.flores-exhibits.org</a> site.
- Choose 4 or more exhibits that will be the backbone of your event.
- For each of these exhibits, generate an artistic response from you or from people in your community. This response can be a song, a monologue, a poem, a short story, a scene, a short film, a slideshow of art, a dance anything.
- Assemble an audience from people in your community that would be energized to be
  part of this movement as well as guests who may need to hear these stories to open
  their eyes to these important experiences.
- Play one exhibit at a time, followed by you or your peers' artistic response. Continue to alternate exhibit, response, exhibit, response.
- After the performance, engage your guests in a discussion. Feel free to use these
  questions as a starting point, or generate your own.
  - What stood out to you in the videos? What surprised you?
  - o How are you feeling right now?
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