

Bridge Builders: Be a Leader. Fight Racism.

3 Tips for Inviting Youth to the Work of Racial Justice:

1. **You cannot do this work alone.** Not even if you read ALL the books and watch ALL the videos. SO come to our workshop (!! Find one near you. Host a workshop led by Crossroads or People's Institute. You will need to hear voices that are not like your own. You will need relationship, not patronage, to be transformed by this work. (and transformation is the goal.)

2. **DO NOT expect your youth to do work you are not willing to do!** Adults need to have these conversations, too. You have to get some training for yourself (see Tip 1) so you can help your young people with these conversations.

3. **What we are resisting (*Racism*) is a *system of injustice*, not just individual actions of prejudice.** If your conversations are about people being cruel to people or interpersonal conflicts based on difference, you are studying one brush stroke of a wall mural. If you're not clear on what I mean refer to Tip 1.

Read this...

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria, Beverly Daniel Tatum. Basic Books, 1997.

A People's History of the United States, Howard Zinn. Routledge, 1980.

Race Matters, Cornell West. Beacon Press, 2001.

White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son, Tim Wise. Soft Skull Press, 2008

The New Jim Crow, Michelle Alexander. The New Press, 2012.

Between the World and Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates. Spiegel & Grau, 2015.

Jesus and the Disinherited, Howard Thurman. Beacon Press, 1976.

America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America. Jim Wallis. Brazos Press, 2016.

Interpersonal/Communal Resources (the best kind!)

Bridge Builders Camp, Living Water Ministries. One week of leadership training camp, focused particularly at developing high school aged youth into anti-racist leaders.

<http://www.elcalivingwater.com/bridgebuilders/>

Crossroads Antiracism Training – a national, solid anti-racism education model with certified trainers. <http://crossroadsantiracism.org/>

The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond – another national well-respected anti-racism education organization. <http://www.pisab.org/>

The Kaleidoscope Institute – leadership & community amidst diversity
<http://www.kscopeinstitute.org/>