



LISTEN, LEARN, ACT:

NON VIOLENCE FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY



WHY?

Have you experienced **police brutality during racial justice demonstrations** or agents provocateurs instigating violence during peaceful protests? Are you **concerned about conflict in your community** being addressed through violent action? Are you concerned about threatened further incursion of **federal forces in your city**? Do you anticipate violence due to unfavorable election results, election delays, or **accusations of election tampering**?

Do you feel under resourced in your community to contribute to the de-escalation of conflict heading towards violence?

Listen, Learn, Act is designed to support Americans' right to public protest by building capacity in local groups to **prevent violence during civil resistance** actions and provide **protective accompaniment** for human rights activists.

This program is designed to build skills that can be applied in your neighborhoods to de-escalate conflict.

10 HRS

of interactive, virtual training will be provided via Zoom.

2 DAYS

with 4 hours of training and 1 hour of breaks each day.

50 MAX

class size for a combo of lecture, discussion, & small group exercises.

Nonviolent Peaceforce will:

deliver a training based on the curriculum provided to 1000s of professional peacekeepers living in conflict areas (including South Sudan, Myanmar, Iraq, and the Philippines); and provide support to partner organizations in forming teams of trained members who will be ready to use new skills in support of civil resistance efforts.



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Experienced trainers from Nonviolent Peaceforce will facilitate the training sessions. The program is being offered to local, **BIPOC-led and BIPOC-serving** organizations, as well as Civil Society groups (and their supporters) who amplify BIPOC voices. **“Groups” can be formal or informal!** These local partner organizations and supporters are expected to:

- deeply **know their community** and the issues they face,
- determine who will be trained,
- decide how to use the newly trained resources to **advance their mission**, and
- act with disciplined and coordinated nonviolence while at community events.

W H A T ?

Example:

A U.S. activist and politician who is running for Congress 2020 had been receiving threats and experiencing dangerous incidents when she reached out to request unarmed protection. Almost immediately after her request, a team of 7 trained people were at her side. Whether it was at her campaign office ... her house ... an event ... or her car ... members of the team were there to keep her safe.

- **Nonviolent techniques to de-escalate potentially violent situations, and**

- **Strategies to leverage peaceful physical presence to provide protection to unarmed citizens threatened with violence while exercising their right to pursue change.**

Example:

At a recent demonstration, a journalist was filming protesters near the police line, when some of the protesters became suspicious the journalist was actually an undercover cop, since she wasn't wearing credentials. People were packed in tightly, and tensions were rising. One civilian in the crowd created a distraction while another accompanied the journalist out of the tightly-packed area and towards a secure space.