



Course Title: Amplifying Social Justice: Becoming Allies, Advocates, and Activists

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Course Description:

Just what exactly is the difference between allyship, advocacy, and activism? How do we differentiate between the actions of changing our facebook photos to signposts that proclaim “Black Lives Matter”, speaking up for a transgender individual who has been misgendered in a workplace or social setting, deciding not to engage in disability inspiration ‘porn’, drafting a policy memo articulating the injustices suffered by specific refugee groups, or even testifying before Congress on the environmental atrocities committed by multinational companies? In the Amplifying Social Justice: Becoming Allies, Advocates, and Activists course, we will peel back these layers to discern the differences in how individuals can work to promote social justice and equity in a variety of ways. Students will engage in both self-reflection and self-awareness activities, learning some differential strategies and tactics for identifying structural oppression and injustice, as well as techniques for promoting social justice, from community organizing and policy advocacy, to grassroots activism and professional activism. Ultimately, students will be able to learn how they can evolve into and embody allyship, advocacy, and activism for a variety of marginalized communities, all with the goal of creating meaningful change.