**Encouragement to Interrupt Power**

*Start now, where you already are.*

**by doing small things**

- Be inefficient
- Slowly gather what you need
- Get to know people deeply and try to understand them (and yourself)
- Feed many possibilities
- Use your values (instead of a specific end goal) as your guide

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**Fear not, the power is in you.**

The problems that we have are not going to end if we continue being afraid.”

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Grassroots organizing requires skills, but you already have the most important ones. You just have to care deeply (which you do) and be willing to work closely with other people who care deeply.

You will need to offer at least one of your talents to the public good, which means that you have to acknowledge your abilities to make a meaningful contribution. And that's all you need to start.

Want more permission?

The following pages contain ways to start from the lives of experienced organizers.

Delores Lintel

Delores Lintel started organizing over coffee around her kitchen table in Lincoln, NE’s Clinton neighborhood, whose self-advocacy organization she helped found.

Madonna Thunder Hawk

Madonna Thunder Hawk was part of the American Indian Movement (AIM) as an organizer, a facilitator of an improvised and revolutionary “survival school”/group home on her family’s land in South Dakota, and continues to lead resistance as part of the Lakota People’s Law Project.

Ella Baker

Ella Baker was a purposefully behind-the-scenes leader of the Black Liberation movement. She advocated for participatory democracy & mentored young organizers (in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) throughout the 60’s. She spent 80 years in movement activism, from tenant’s and labor rights, to civil rights, to neighborhood self-determination (in Detroit), to anti-war and ecological justice struggles.

Grace Lee Boggs

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Magda Ramirez Castañeda

Magda Ramirez Castañeda was a Chicana organizer and longtime resident of Chicago’s Pilsen Neighborhood. Starting in the late 90’s she became a leading voice against gentrification there.