

Making Science Work for Social Justice

Breakout Group Instructions

Each group will have the next 30 minutes to create a plan to bring people with diverse experiences and forms of knowledge together to build a solidarity science movement that creates robust scientific knowledge and advances social justice.

The guiding questions and suggested topics have been provided below. We ask that each group fill out a brief google form once they have finished with their conversations. The breakout rooms will give a 2 minute warning before the 30 minutes ends. If any group finishes early they are welcome to leave their breakout group and return back to the main group.

During this time we encourage everyone to introduce themselves to each other and collectively choose a topic of interest (see below) or create your own. Additionally, please take a moment to assign roles within your groups to ensure an engaging and productive conversation.

- Roles:
 - Facilitator
 - Time keeper
 - Note taker (please fill out one [google form](#) per group)
 - Presenter (choose one member of the group to report back when we reconvene)

We ask that all participants work collectively in their breakout groups and to be inclusive so that all participants feel welcome to participate. Video conferencing can be challenging so we ask everyone to be conscientious and not speak over others.

Guiding Questions:

- Consider what the Mold, Health, Social Justice connection map would look like for your topic.
- What kinds of expertise are needed to develop robust and socially just solutions?
- Who has this expertise?
- Who is often left out of decision making?
- How would you bring these different experts together in dialogue and collaboration?

Suggested Topics:

Your group may wish to choose one specific topic (or even one specific scenario) to focus your discussion. Please feel free to choose from the following suggestions or develop your own based on common interests.

- Energy, Climate, and Environmental Justice
 - Example Scenario: A new biomass plant is being proposed for your city. Supporters say that it will bring jobs and revenue to the city, but critics are worried about the air pollution and the carbon footprint.
- Health Care Justice
 - Example Scenario: Funding becomes available to build new clinics in your state. Decisions are being made as to where they will go, whom they will serve, what health needs they will target, etc.
- Agriculture and Food Justice
 - Example Scenario: Residents of your community frequently complain about lack of supermarket access. In response, local officials are preparing to bend environmental restrictions to allow a major supermarket chain to build a new store on wetlands.
- Transportation Justice
 - Example Scenario: The state plans to widen the main road through your town to accommodate more traffic and relieve congestion at rush hour.
- Policing and Social Justice
 - Example Scenario: In response to perceived increases in drug dealing, theft, and vandalism, police are seeking to install surveillance cameras with face recognition in your community.
- Information Technology Justice
 - Example Scenario: Your city government wants to make a deal with a private corporation to install Wi-Fi throughout the city; in return for the city's business, the corporation will supply city classrooms with laptops for every student, complete with software that delivers personalized instruction.
- Reproductive Justice
 - Example Scenario: Crisis pregnancy centers are opening in your community and advertising help to pregnant people exploring options, but refusing to talk to patients about abortion.

Report Backs

When we return to the large group meeting, one representative of each group will be asked to summarize your groups results. Please let us know (verbally or in the chat) if you would prefer for us to turn off the video recording during your response.