

# BLACK QUEER FEMINIST CURRICULUM TOOLKIT



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# ABOUT THIS TOOLKIT

Welcome! This toolkit is an offering from BYP100 as a part of our She Safe, We Safe campaign. It is a tool that can be used to host political education events during Black History Month 2020, engage in personal political education, or guide informal learning throughout the month and beyond. Included are sample agendas and facilitation guides, readings, podcasts, and guiding questions for digging into them all. All of this content is created through a Black Queer Feminist lens and centers the fight to end gender and state violence against Black people at the margins of society.

## Who is this for?

You, you, and you! This toolkit is for anyone committed to deepening our community's knowledge of Black Queer Feminist struggles, abolition, and the intersections of racial, state, and gendered forms of violence. This is for BYP100 members, for the organizations and communities around us, and for anyone just seeking to learn. We want you to take full advantage.

Use it, keep it, share it-- all we ask is that you give us a shout out when you do.

As a part of BYP100's 2020 Black History Month efforts, this toolkit was created and compiled as by BYP100 members:

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Special thanks to all who contributed to this labor of Black love!



# BUILDING AN EXPANSIVE

## FUTURE: GENDER 101

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### FACILITATION GUIDE



**CHECK OUT THIS COMPREHENSIVE FACILITATION GUIDE INCLUDING DEFINITIONS, POLITICAL EDUCATION VIDEOS AND READINGS, TIMELINE ACTIVITIES, CASE STUDIES, AND RESOURCE LISTS!**

*Using this facilitation guide, we invite folks to struggle through the following questions:*

**How can we question gender and interrogate the problems with focusing on biology/genitalia when talking about gender?**

**How do we understand that gender is not a binary? That gender is diverse and fluid and that there are more than two genders?**

**How can we examine the ways in which gender is a racialized experience? There are many intersections between gender- and race-based discrimination, particularly for Black cis/trans women, trans, gender non-conforming, and non-binary people.**

[\*\*CLICK TO VIEW FACILITATION GUIDE\*\*](#)

# ADULTISM + GENDER BASED VIOLENCE FACILITATION GUIDE



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**CHECK OUT THIS COMPREHENSIVE FACILITATION GUIDE INCLUDING DEFINITIONS, MEDIA CASE STUDIES, A SOLIDARITY COMMITMENT, AND AN AFFIRMATION ACTIVITY!**

*Using this facilitation guide, we invite folks to struggle through the following questions:*

**How do we center youth in our understanding of gender based violence?**

**What is adultism? How does it show up as a system of oppression that is unique to youth?**

**How does adultism and gender based violence intersect for Black youth? How can we transform these conditions?**

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# #DURHAMBeyondPOLICING + #SHESAFEWESAFE: A CASE STUDY

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Sometimes we win big, y'all.



Have you heard about how #DurhamBeyondPolicing defeated a proposal to add 72 new cops in our communities?!?

Durham City Council instead agreed to invest funds into an eviction diversion program, a \$15/ hr living wage for all city workers, and a community-led Safety and Wellness Taskforce. Learn some of the strategies that led to this win. Discussion questions included!

[CLICK TO VIEW THE CASE STUDY](#)

# POLICY BRIEF

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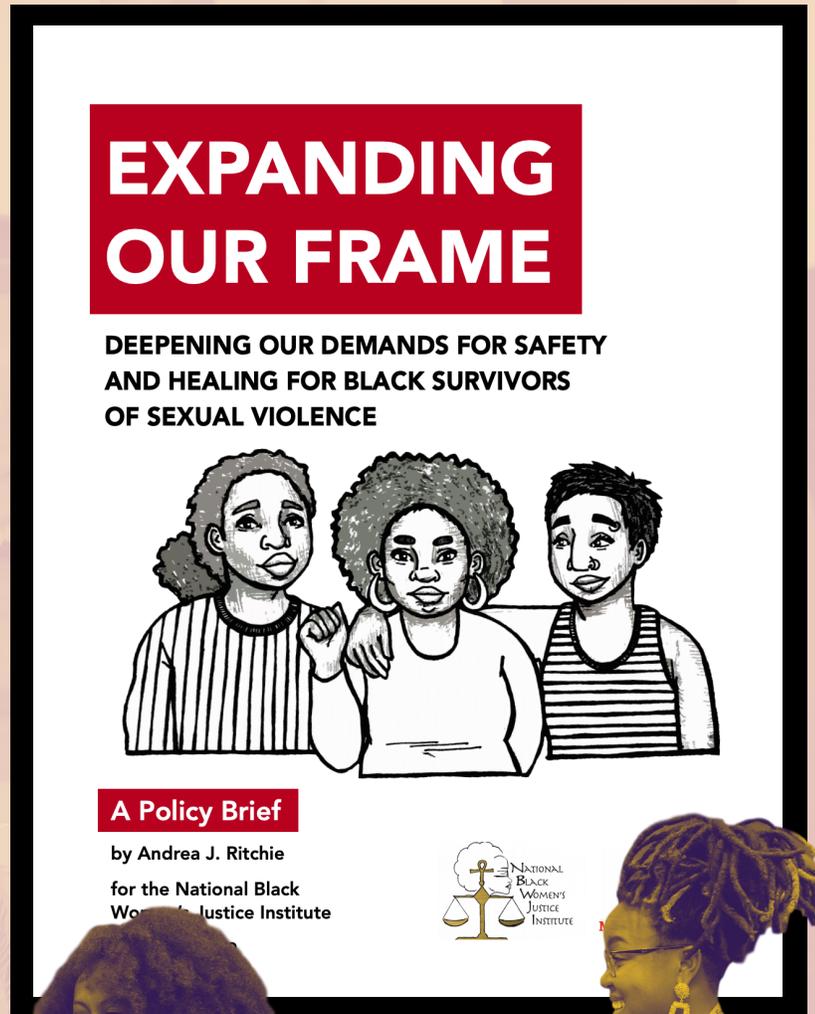
## + DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Check out Andrea Ritchie's policy brief to work through questions like:

How can individuals act to center Black survivors in anti-violence movements?

How might we begin to encourage more conversations about the reality of interpersonal sexual violence within our communities?

More discussion questions included!



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# 'IF BLACK WOMEN WERE FREE' PRACTISING TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE IN BLACK COMMUNITIES

## INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT

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Rachel Zellars, a Black scholar activist and co-founder of the Third Eye Collective, is interviewed by Navaa Smollash.

This interview outlines the history of gender based violence towards Black women within community and movement spaces, as well as the history of Black Feminist organizing, and examines their roles in shaping the development of transformative justice. Zellars applies these lessons and talks through what transformative justice requires of the present day.

You already know we got you on the discussion questions. Check it out!



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# THE PRACTICES WE NEED: #METOO & TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE PT. 2

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## PODCAST + DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Listen to educator, curator, and prison abolitionist organizer, Mariame Kaba on How To Survive The End Of The World podcast.

This interview helps us think about how transformative justice can be applied to our movements now and how it can help shape our dreams of more liberated Black communities in the future.

Discussion questions included - check it out!



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# POD MAPPING AS A TOOL TO ADDRESS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

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## HOW TO POD MAP ACTIVITY



The Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective (BATJC) refers to an individual's "pod" as a network of people and organizations that one can call on for support with issues of safety, accountability, and individual and collective healing and resiliency.

Like those who have come before us, we must be in the practice of deepening our relationships with each other, because we know that we have the ability to care for one another and prevent gender-based violence from occurring in our own communities. When instances of violence do occur, it is important that we have existing networks of people to lean on for support and accountability.

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# BREATHING WITH OUR BLACK FEMINIST ANCESTORS

## BLACK FEMINIST BREATHING CHORUS

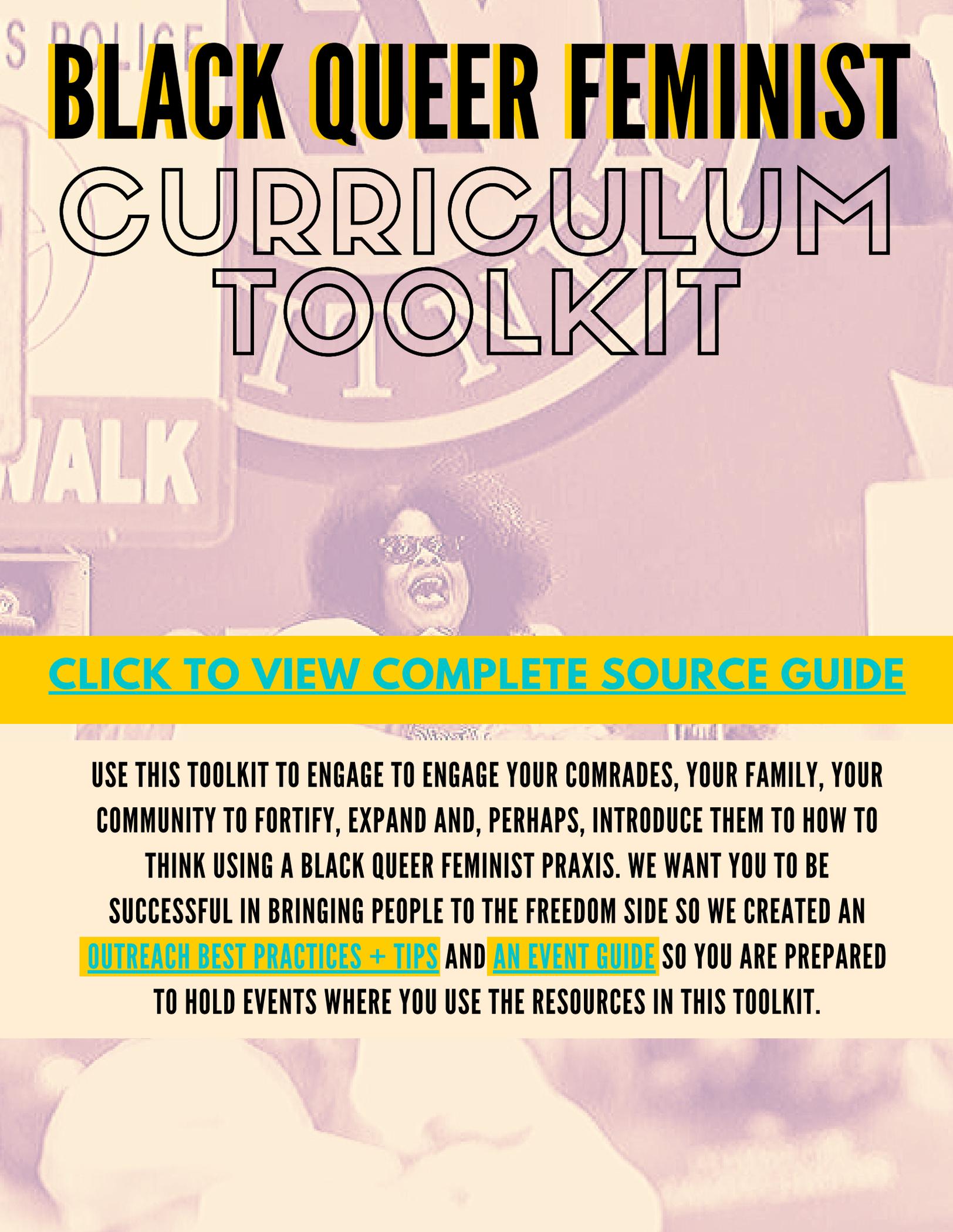
This Black History Month, we're ending our toolkit with her meditation series Black Feminist Breathing Chorus from the Eternal Summer of the Black Feminist Mind.

With mantras inspired by Fannie Lou Hamer, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, and many others who contribute to the Black Feminist lineage, we invite you tap into the strength and resilience of our ancestors as a source of healing as we work towards building Black Futures free from gender based violence.

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[CLICK TO VIEW BLACK FEMINIST BREATHING CHORUS](#)



# **BLACK QUEER FEMINIST** CURRICULUM TOOLKIT

[\*\*CLICK TO VIEW COMPLETE SOURCE GUIDE\*\*](#)

USE THIS TOOLKIT TO ENGAGE TO ENGAGE YOUR COMRADES, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR COMMUNITY TO FORTIFY, EXPAND AND, PERHAPS, INTRODUCE THEM TO HOW TO THINK USING A BLACK QUEER FEMINIST PRAXIS. WE WANT YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING PEOPLE TO THE FREEDOM SIDE SO WE CREATED AN [\*\*OUTREACH BEST PRACTICES + TIPS\*\*](#) AND [\*\*AN EVENT GUIDE\*\*](#) SO YOU ARE PREPARED TO HOLD EVENTS WHERE YOU USE THE RESOURCES IN THIS TOOLKIT.