

# Racial Justice: Groups to Support and Readings/Information

*These ideas come from Lisa Graustein, a friend deeply involved in racial justice work.*

## Three local racial justice groups

### [Black Lives Matter Boston](#)

*"BLM Boston galvanizes our communities to end state-sanctioned violence against Black people [and] supports the development of new Black leaders, as well as create a network where Black people feel empowered to determine our destinies in our communities."*

### [SURJ Boston](#): Showing Up for Racial Justice.

*"SURJ Boston moves white people to take action for racial justice."*

### [Community Change Inc.](#)

*"Community Change Inc. promotes racial justice and equity by challenging systemic racism and acting as a catalyst for anti-racist learning and action."*

## More groups to support

- 1) Folks doing Direct Action: **local BLM chapters** (above), [Bail Funds](#) (one donation splits resources among 40 funds across the country), **people you know doing direct action**
- 2) Groups doing legal and policy work: [ACLU](#), [ILRC](#) - **Immigrant Legal Resource Center**, and [EJI](#) - **Equal Justice Initiative**.
- 3) Media that has a pro-BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) agenda and BIPOC editors/reporters: [Colorlines](#), [The North Star](#)
- 4) Direct service providers by BIPOC for BIPOC groups: [NavajoSolidarity](#), [StandwithMashpeeWampanoag](#), [Mutual Aid Networks](#), [MassUndocuFund](#), [FoodProject](#), [Cultural Survival](#)
- 5) Groups she is personally connected to: [Peace First](#) (gets mini grants to young people doing justice-based COVID response work around the world) and the Dorchester [Food Distribution](#) she is running (which shares resources with the Dot Mutual Aid food distribution)

## Readings/Information

Three excellent books that weave personal stories with specific actions people can take:

***How to Be An Anti-Racist*** by Ibram X. Kendi

***Uprooting Racism*** by Paul Kivel (this book might be easier to find copies of right now)

***Say the Wrong Thing*** by Amanda Kemp

Great, accessible history books:

***An Indigenous People's History of the United States***

***An African American and Latin History of the United States***

***White By Law***

***From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation***

Videos/podcasts:

**Jay Smooth's** and **Francesca Ramsey's** respective YouTube videos are short, engaging and give solid information and perspectives (and appropriate to share with tweens and teens).

The ***All My Relations*** podcast is amazing (and just focused on Native issues).

Many people have found the ***Seeing White*** podcast really helpful (I take big issue with some of the sound editing and framing they use, but the information shared is accurate and good).

Krista Tibbits just interviewed **Resmaa Menakem** and I haven't heard it yet but expect it is excellent.

TED Talks:

**Bryan Stevenson** - anything and everything he has done

***Color Brave Not Color Blind*** by Melody Hobson

Kimberlé Crenshaw's ***Urgency of Intersectionality***

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