

BLACK FEMINIST FUTURE

DISABILITY JUSTICE INNOVATION Lab

July '22

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Collective ROOTS

ARTISTS, ORGANIZERS, WRITERS, ACTIVISTS, COLLECTIVES, & FREEDOM FIGHTERS

& OUR personal COMPASSES



MENTORS, GRAND-mothers, FRIENDS & COMRADES

FANNIE Lou HAMMER
OSSELY HEMPHILL
KERI GRAY
PATTY BEARNE
JEN WHITE JOHNSON
AUDRE Lorde
PAT PARKER
T. Lewis
LOIS CURTIS
HARRIET TUBMAN
MAYA ANGELOU
JOHNNIE LACY
BELL HOOKS
CONSTANCE MONTGOMERY
MARY BOHMAN
PAULI Murray
MARSHA P. JOHNSON
OCTAVIA BUTLER
DEIDRE davis BUTLER

heart songs
unpacking

HARM

in the DISABILITY COMMUNITY, BLACK LIBERATION movements, & FEMINIST movements

EXTRACTION of our TIME, EXPERIENCES, & RESOURCES

MOVEMENTS HAVE the rhetoric, but not the PRACTICE

ERASURE & CO-OPTATION

TOKENISTIC allyship

CO-CREATING a WORKING definition

ABLEISM forces us to MOVE at an UNETHICAL PACE



RELUCTANCE &/OR REFUSAL to use \$\$\$ for ACCESS*
*BLM NATIONAL owes REPARATIONS to LOCAL DISABLED ORGANIZERS

MISTREATMENT of BLACK WORKERS in DISABILITY spaces

DIVERSITY ≠ intersectionality

PRO-BLACK	ANTI-ASSIMILATION	ANTI-RACIST	the RIGHT to REST	ANTI-CAPITALIST
LOOKING out for EACH OTHER	AFFIRMS the FULL SPECTRUM of GENDER & SEXUALITY EXPRESSIONS	CONFRONTING WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE WHITE SUPREMACY		INCLUDES the IMPERFECT & MESSY
PRO-EARTH	BLACK DISABLED FEMINISM			
INTERSECTIONALITY (DR. CRENSHAW'S ORIGINAL INTENTION)	DEFINING A MORE GLOBAL BLACK DISABLEMENT RATHER than PURELY ROOTED in DISABILITY as IDENTITY	CENTERING the LIVES & EXPERIENCES of BLACK DISABLED PEOPLE across the DIASPORA		ACCESS to PLEASURE
INTERDEPENDENCE				UNAPOLOGETIC
COMMUNITY-based	CARE WORK is VALUED	HOLDING the STATE ACCOUNTABLE		ANTI-IMPERIALIST
				UNPACKING DISABILITY as an IDENTITY



"BLACKlash" AFTER the 2020 uprisings in NON-BLACK DISABILITY SPACES

& HEALING
INTERDEPENDENCE, Care on a LONGER timeline, SAFER HEALING SPACES, REST, & AUTHENTIC solidarity



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CARE THAT CENTERS interdependence

NETWORKS / COLLECTIVES

WHAT we are NAVIGATING

HOW CAN BLACK feminist & BLACK SEX POSITIVE spaces BE MORE INCLUSIVE? RELATIONSHIPS, SEX, & SEXUALITY

CREATING A GREATER sense of BELONGING



PHYSICAL THERAPY / MENTAL health / SEX ED

BRIDGING REPRODUCTIVE & DISABILITY justice

SINS INVALID!

PROFESSIONAL COMPETANCY ON DISABILITY & sex

CO-IMAGINING & CREATING new STRUCTURES & REALITIES

INTERDEPENDENT care / EXPANSIVE UNDERSTANDING of PLEASURE

disabilities 4 disabilities

WHAT we WANT

INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE & COERCION / DESEXUALIZATION & INFANTALIZATION / INTERNALIZED ABLEISM / LOOKISM / NAVIGATING DATING APP INACCESSIBILITY & DISCLOSURES / POTENTIAL LOSS of SERVICES & RESOURCES if MARRIED

SELF-PLEASURE / NON-MONOGRAMY / NOT JUST ABOUT ORGASMS

CUSTODY / FAMILY separation / NON-CONSENSUAL CRISIS RESPONSE

DEEP relationships, A MOVING DISABLED Coalition

ELLA BAKER school of ORGANIZING

BUILDING on the skills of DISABLED people

ENSURING BLACK Women are NOT HARMED in the process of building

DISRUPT cycles of CODEPENDENCE & gendered nature of CARE

deep ATTENDANCE to INTERSECTIONS of oppression

SEEDING new CULTURES & ways of BEING beyond our LIFETIME

CREATING a Culture that enables SELF-CARE & INTERDEPENDENCE

ABOLITION

NETWORKS of ACCOUNTABILITY

NEW ANTI-CAPITALIST models & economies

DECOLONIZED Care WORK

connect



COLLECTIVE liberation

ABOLITION of all forms of INCARCERATION

like NURSING homes

community CRISIS response

A RADICAL ACT to want to KNOW each OTHER

RUTH WILSON GILMORE's definition of "ORGANIZED abandonment"

CONSCIOUS raising on BLACK DISABLED feminism

PEER-led COALITION building / RESPITE

#BringBrittneysHome

FIGHTING both the SCHOOL & ABUSE-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

BLACK DISABILITY studies BOOK series / LIVING INTO the world we WANT

CULTIVATE more SPACES for BLACK DISABLED people

GRANT funds to SUPPORT BLACK AUTISTIC people

seeing more JOY / REST! / GLOBAL DISABILITY perspective / healing

PUBLISHING the STORIES of BLACK DISABLED women

Dreamscaping



Black Feminist Future Disability Justice Innovation Lab

Graphic Notes Image Descriptions & Alternative Text

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Disability Justice Innovation Lab is written in a gold flag. Black Feminist Future, July 22, 2022, and Slide 1 of 2 are written around the flag.

Collective Roots [Inside image of a gold root tree system]

Artists, organizers, writers, activists, collectives, & freedom fighters

- Fannie Lou Hammer
- Diedre Davis Butler
- Essex Hemphill
- Keri Gray
- Octavia Butler
- Patty Bearne
- Jen White-Johnson
- Marsha P. Johnson
- Audre Lorde
- Pat Parker
- Paul Murray
- bell hooks
- TL Lewis
- Constance Merritt
- Mary Bowman
- Lois Curtis
- Johnnie Lacy
- Harriet Tubman
- Sojourner Truth
- Maya Angelou

& our personal compasses [above a gold illustration of a compass]

Mentors, grand-mothers, friends & comrades

Co-creating a working definition [Inside a gold speech bubble]

Black Disabled Feminism [on top of a white textured box made to look like a piece of notebook paper]

- Pro-Black
- Anti-assimilation
- Anti-racist
- The right to rest
- Anti-capitalist
- Looking out for each other
- Affirms the full spectrum of gender & sexuality
- Confronting wheelchair-accessible white supremacy
- Includes the imperfect & messy
- Access to pleasure
- Pro-Earth
- Intersectionality (Dr. Crenshaw's original intention)
- Interdependence
- Defining a more global Black disablement rather than purely rooted in disability as identity
- Centering the lives & experiences of Black disabled people across the diaspora
- Anti-imperialist
- Community-based
- Care work is valued
- Hold the state accountable
- Unpacking disability as identity

Unpacking Harm in the disability community, Black Liberation movements, & feminist movements [underneath red cardboard box and the words heart songs surrounded by hearts]

- Extraction of our time, experiences & resources [red pliers]
- Ableism forces us to move at an unethical pace [red snails]
- Movements have the rhetoric, but not the practice [red empty speech bubbles]
- [written in a red, 3-part Venn diagram]: not "enough," feeling in-between, in the intersections. Belonging written outside the diagram.
- Reluctance & refusal to use \$\$\$for Access & BLM National owes reparations to local disabled organizers [red stack of money]
- Erasure & co-optation [red upside-down pencil erasing something]
- Tokenistic allyship [red token with star on it]
- Diversity does not equal intersectionality
- Mistreatment of Black workers in disability spaces
- "Backlash" after the 2020 uprisings is non-Black disability spaces [red flames]

& Healing [Surrounded by clumps of red mushrooms]

Interdependence, care on a longer timeline, safer healing spaces, rest & authentic solidarity

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How can Black femmes & Black sex positive spaces be more inclusive? creating a greater sense of belonging [red cell phone illustration with a heart and an x on the screen]

Relationships, Sex & Sexuality [written in a white ribbon banner]

[Two circles, one red and one white]

What we are navigating [next to red circle and illustration of a map]

- Interpersonal violence & coercion
- Desexualization & infantilization
- Internalized ableism
- Disabilities weaponized
 - Custody
 - Family separation
 - Non-consensual crisis response
- Lookism
- Potential loss of services & resources if married
- Navigating dating app inaccessibility & disclosures

What we want [next to white circle and red illustration of shooting star]

- Bridging reproductive & disability justice [red bridge]
- Sins Invalid!
- Professional competency on disability & sex
 - Physical therapy
 - Mental health
 - Sex education
- Interdependent care
- Expansive understanding of pleasure
 - Self-pleasure
 - Non-monogamy
 - Not just about orgasms

- Disability4Disability
- Co-imagining & creating new structures & realities

Care that centers interdependence: networks & collectives [next to gold illustration of lowers and butterflies]

- Build [gold bricks]
 - Ensuring Black women are not harmed in the process of building
 - Ella baker school of organizing deep relationships, a moving disabled coalition
 - Disrupt cycles of codependence & gendered nature of care
 - Building on the skills of disabled people
- Connect [gold bridge]
 - Mutual aid networks
 - Deep attendance to intersections of oppression
 - Abolition
 - Networks of accountability
- Grow [gold seeds]
 - Seeding new cultures & ways of being beyond our lifetime
 - New anti-capitalist models & economies decolonized care work
 - Creating a culture that enable self-care & interdependence

Collective Liberation [in-between red broken chain]

- Ruth Wilson Gilmore's definition of "organized abandonment" Abolition of all forms of incarceration like nursing homes
- Conscious raising on Black Disabled Feminism
- Community crisis response
- A radical act to want to know each other
- Coalition building
- #BringBrittneyHome
- Peer-led respite
- Fighting both the school & abuse-to-prison-pipeline

Dreamscaping [written in a gold ribbon surrounded by stars and a moon]

- Publishing the stories of Black disabled women
- Healing
- Rest!
- Seeing more joy
- Global disability perspective
- Grant funds to support Black autistic people
- Black disability studies book series
- Living into the world we want
- Cultivating more space for Black disabled people