

**EDUCATION HAS ALWAYS
BEEN A POLITICAL ACT.**

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THE ADVOCACY ACADEMY

The Advocacy Academy is a social justice youth movement working to unleash the power of young people to create a more fair, just, and equal society. We are united by a core belief: that the future is not fixed and that people, working together, can shape it for the better. We specialise in supporting young people to win real and lasting change through activism and political participation.



STANDING WITH YOUNG LUTON

As part of Luton's 'Many Voices, One Town' campaign, 120 Luton educators are being sponsored to participate in JustEducation. If you work with young people age 14-18, this training is for you. We are offering two programme tracks - so pick the option that best suits you.

We want to ensure as many people as possible can attend our training. This is why all our venues are fully accessible.

JUST EDUCATION

JustEducation is our training arm for educators who believe their students can, will, and already do change the world. Whether you're a youth worker, teacher or creative facilitator, we'll support you to create socially just learning environments where young people from all backgrounds can show up as their whole selves. We help educators create spaces where young people explore and celebrate their identities, act in solidarity with each other, and develop the power and courage to change the *status quo*.

Our continuing professional development programmes exist to provide educators from across Luton with the space, both mentally and physically, to develop their professional practice and personal power. Our mission is to help you to act as effective allies and advocates for the young people you work with, nurturing and amplifying the voices of students who feel most silenced, alienated and powerless.

With your help, young people will not inherit this broken world, they will fix it.

YOU WILL LEAVE WITH

- An intersectional understanding of the inequities facing young people, and the vocabulary to discuss it with them.
- Unlearning: understanding how to avoid unknowingly reinforcing structural discrimination and bias in your space.
- Powerful community organising tools to hold politicians and decision-makers to account and bring about social change that transforms lives and communities.
- An extensive pack of JustEducation resources including experiential workshop plans, language guides, posters and book lists.
- For our teachers, an educational guide showing how social justice can seamlessly fit into different parts of the national curriculum.
- The ability to create an organisation wide approach to inclusivity, identity, belonging and allyship.
- The materials to track your progress in creating a safer climate by using the JustEducation Climate Assessment.
- Ongoing support, guidance, opportunities, resources and visits from the JustEducation team throughout the year.

PROGRAMME	OVERVIEW	THE DETAILS
THE FOUNDATIONS Open to All	A one-day intensive professional development programme. Just pick the best date for your diary.	PICK ONE DATE (ALL 9.30AM - 6:00PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fri 8 March (£200 cover provided for the first 20 teachers to register, on-site childcare for all) • Sat 9 March (on-site childcare for all)
THE COLLECTIVE By Application	Our transformational four-month fellowship programme for Social Justice Educators. All participants must first attend The Foundations.	TWO RESIDENTIAL RETREATS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part I: Sun 7 - Mon 8 April • Part II: Thur 25 - Fri 26 July
THE GATHERING Open to All	A community conference bringing together Luton's new network of Activist Educators with key decision makers and social change leaders from the borough and beyond.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 21 September

THE LOW DOWN

THE FOUNDATIONS, A CRASH-COURSE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION

Join educators from across Luton for a transformational day of training unlike any other. The Foundations is your chance to build the classroom, the youth group, and the community that you want to see. Over the course of the day we will introduce you to the core principles of Social Justice Education, exploring how to craft safe and courageous learning spaces where young people can understand and challenge the root causes of inequalities.

We encourage participants to challenge assumptions and dominant narratives, developing the knowledge and skills to have complex conversations that address gender, class, race, sexuality, disability, faith and other anti-oppression issues. You can expect to meet leading activists, educators and academics from across the UK, and take home the latest models, methods and curriculum resources to use in your learning spaces.

TOPICS COVERED WILL INCLUDE

- Privilege & oppression
- Allyship, solidarity & action
- Power & dynamics in educational settings
- Political identity & intersectionality
- Dominant narratives, dog whistles & coded language
- Social justice pedagogy: another world is possible



THE COLLECTIVE, A FELLOWSHIP FOR LEADERS READY TO DEEPEN THEIR SOCIAL JUSTICE PRACTICE

For those inspired to go deeper, we offer a unique four month Social Justice Fellowship after completion of The Foundations. This intensive programme brings together a select community of educators dedicated to trying out practices which develop students as self-determined, community-engaged, critical thinkers and actors. Through two residential retreats, experiential workshops, reading groups, and heated conversations we will build a network of passionate leaders committed to delivering real change. Together you will test new practices within your classrooms and youth groups, offering ideas and feedback in support of one another. All participants will receive The Advocacy Academy's Social Justice Education Manual & complete Training for Trainers curriculum.

TOPICS COVERED WILL INCLUDE

- We fight to win: the history and learnings of successful social movements
- Luton rising: the political history of Luton and its lessons for today
- Essential community organising skills: the strategy and tactics of people power
- Storytelling: moving people to action – head, heart and hands
- Each one teach one: social justice-based curriculum development for youth-led activism
- Nothing about us without us: anti-oppression progressive pedagogy

THE GATHERING, BUILDING A COMMON CULTURE AND LANGUAGE FOR CHANGE

2019 will culminate in a conference which brings together all the Luton educators and youth workers we have worked with across the year, as well as decision makers and activists from Luton and beyond. Together we will use the common culture and language we have developed to build a renewed vision for the young people of Luton as agents in their own liberation.

ADVOCACY ACADEMY TRACK RECORD

“The training I did with The Advocacy Academy is some of the most powerful and captivating I have ever done. I have asked them to provide training to the rest of the team at Safer London, since I'm certain our whole workforce will feel exactly the same. I would recommend them to anyone who wants to be challenged, enlightened, and reminded of all that should be central to our thinking as professionals.”

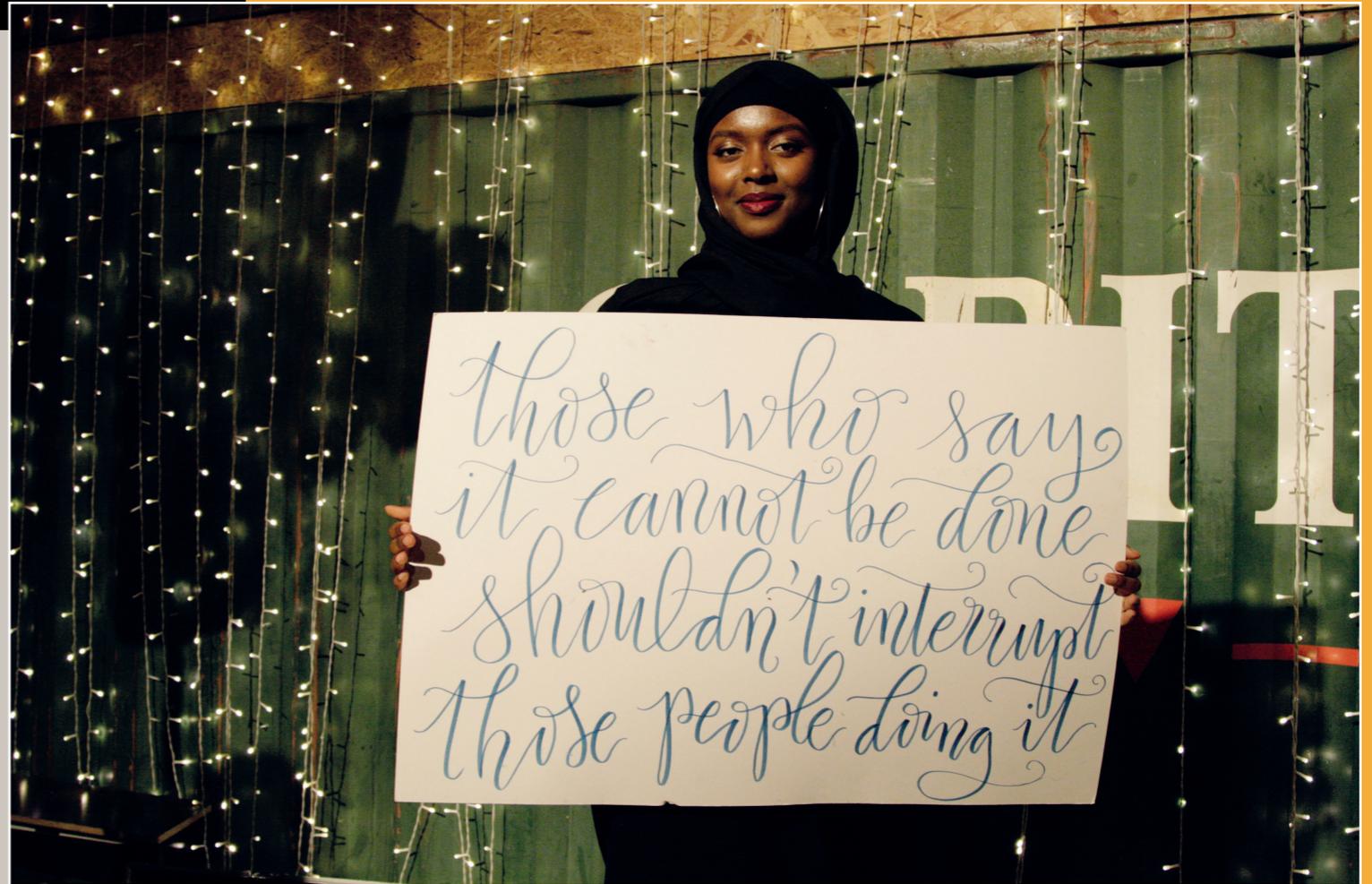
SHERRYLYN PECK, CEO FOR SAFER LONDON

“The Advocacy Academy's training is the reason I understand what gentle leadership is. It made me passionate about continuing to grow as a youth leader and as an activist for change.”

SHIDEN TEKLE, YOUTH WORKER, THE ADVOCACY ACADEMY

“The Advocacy Academy's power and privilege training was both eye opening and engaging. The history and context of some of the most important historical campaigns was fascinating, and made me recognise the parallels between past struggles and those the transgender community is facing right now. The families and young people we work with face daily prejudice. That's why we will be partnering with The Advocacy Academy at an event in 2019. I know their sessions will be invaluable in helping our members feel pride and take action, however small.”

SUSIE GREEN, CEO OF MERMAIDS UK



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