

LEAD THE WAY

LEADING COMMUNITIES OF RESISTANCE



USE IT WELL.

WHY DO WE NEED RESISTANCE?

Our planet is dying, and we know the reason for it – industrial civilization is killing it. We need to resist the destruction, protect our land and life, and replace the toxic culture with land-based, just and sustainable forms. We need radical, oppositional Communities - CPR collectives. Such communities provide a fundamental unit of opposition, based on shared interests and identity, and/or a common landbase. Our resistance will be best served by wielding the power available to united collectives committed to each living members and all classes. The planet needs Protectors, Community Builders, and Community Leaders who commit to building cohesive collectives to resist toxicity and destruction and protect land and life.

Communities that Protect and Resist (CPR) - commissioned by DGR Asia-Pacific - is embarking on an effort to train, motivate and support activists to spread radical Community Building throughout the planet. Leading Communities of Resistance (LCOR) is a keystone development in that initiative. We invite activist to enroll in this first offering.

LCOR focuses on developing awareness, knowledge, values & skills, and confidence in activists who are or who want to be involved in building a Community that resists the dominant culture. We understand the critical role leadership plays in moving a Community to maturity and maintaining a committed collective through setbacks and challenges, internal and external.

We adapt mainstream models of effective communities for a more radical orientation when we can, and work with participants to create a novel set of perspectives, concepts, and best practices. Together we will foster greater leadership capacity among each other, along with a built-in support group to maintain your growth and resistance momentum long after the course is complete.

STRUCTURE OF LCOR

We want to help you develop your leadership potential and a network of comrades struggling with you to dismantle the dominant culture. So we offer the course in a group context. Our sessions are as much as anything a series of conversations facilitated by one of our training cadre. Sessions work best when there is give and take among participants, which includes sharing knowledge, giving constructive feedback, and offering resources and advice.

The course consists of roughly 15 one-hour sessions, although we have the flexibility to change according to how you need to change. We can convene a session every week or every other week, with a 2-3 week break after roughly the first half. We are flexible from session to session. Our meeting platform is Zoom. All is negotiable.

REQUIREMENTS OF LCOR

- **Attendance.** You're likely participating in this course because you are active in community and/or resistance work. Please keep that up, and let us know how we can support you. Make a reasonable Effort to attend each session. If you can't make 10 or more sessions, you may want to wait for the next course offering. First talk to us though, and we'll see what we can work out in either case.
- This is an interactive, group setting, as is real leadership. Please **participate** in sessions as you're comfortable, and maybe even if you're a little uncomfortable – expand your comfort zone. We want to hear what you have to say. Also participation is visual, not voice-only. We don't care if you're having a bad hair day; we want to see your face, and build a relationship with you.
- We encourage you to read & print out **materials** and keep them in a binder. Occasionally, there will be short readings to accompany a session. We'll also send out a PowerPoint for most sessions, shortly before meeting time. Follow along with the document live, and reflect on the material later.
- Community Leadership **Project.** You'll likely have at least one project / initiative / campaign / challenge you're facing. Be prepared to analyze yours as part of the course reflection work. Hopefully, we'll provide you with the resources to make headway on your challenge. By the end of the course, you should have a relatively complete action plan to: 1) Build your Community; and 2) Leverage it for resistance.
- **Reflection** questions. We will accompany some sessions with a short series of reflection questions that encourage you to process the material and develop personally. Please make an effort to complete these, and be ready to share at the next session, if the conversation warrants.

LCOR OUTLINE

MODULE 1: UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY

Setting the Stage

MODULE 2: BUILDING COMMUNITY

Assets and Obstacles in Community change

Characteristics of the Community

Community-Building Process

Characteristics of Community Builders

Potency of Community Power

Engaging in the Building work

Community Organizing vs. Mobilizing vs.

Education

Getting Ready to Work

Five [Six] Principles for a Community that Works

MODULE 3: LEVERAGING COMMUNITY FOR RESISTANCE

Collaborative approach/Policy

change/Community-based research

Thinking about Conflict

Civil Disobedience/Non Violent Direct

Action (NVDA)

Direct Action

Violence/Sabotage

Alternate Approaches to Community

Change

MODULE 4: CONSOLIDATION/MOVING FORWARD

APPLY NOW!

Name Age: Location: Contact info:

What community do you want to help build and protect? What are the main problems facing the community? Why do you want to protect this community?

What does leadership mean to you?

Do you have prior experience in terms of community organizing? If yes, please describe your experience.

What would you like to get out of LCOR? How can we help you?

Are you ready to commit to our meetings, and the work we will require?

BE A LEADER!

MAKE THE CHANGE!

NOTE: The course is going to be offered parallelly in two different time slots (suitable to the Asia-Pacific region and North American region respectively) . Once the participants are confirmed, we will fix the time suitable for each group.

TO APPLY...

#1 Select the time slot most appropriate to you based on your location

#2 For North American time slot, send filled in application form to CPR, email it to ctpr@protonmail.com, or visit ctpr.home.blog

#3 For Asia-Pacific time slot, email your application to southasia@deepgreenresistance.org or visit asiapacific.deepgreenresistance.org

LEADERS ARE MADE, NOT BORN.
