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Shifting how social justice movements understand disability and contextualize ableism, disability justice lends itself to politics of alliance.

Engage in conversations about disability justice and mobility equity among other stakeholder groups, gathering insight from them as well.

**how have others organizations approached this?**

**Commitment to Cross-Disability Solidarity**

We honor the insights and participation of all of our community members, knowing that isolation undermines collective liberation.

Encourage lasting connections among community members by creating space for their sustained efforts.

**how can we connect communities?**

**Recognizing Wholeness**

People have inherent worth outside of commodity relations and capitalist notions of productivity. Each person is full of history and life experience.

Offer a variety of solutions, understanding that a diverse community requires diverse systems.

**how do we engage with different communities?**

**Intersectionality**

“We do not live single issue lives”
- Audre Lorde

Ableism, coupled with white supremacy, supported by capitalism, underscored by heteroaptrarchy, has rendered the vast majority of the world “invalid”

Contextualize mobility equity against multiple systems of oppression, knowing that transportation access is an intersectional issue.

**who are we designing for? who are we excluding?**

**Collective Liberation**

No body or mind can be left behind-only moving together can we accomplish the revolution we require.

Empower the intended end users with the necessary background knowledge to understand and contribute to shared mobility data.

**how might we empower our potential users?**

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1. Choose an existing principle and imagine one, or several, scenarios where this principle applies to your own work
2. Talk amongst yourselves about the scenarios you came up with,
   - If someone chose the same principle as you, did you come up with the same or similar scenarios?
   - What actions in that scenario could you take to exemplify this principle, or disability justice, or mobility equity?
3. As a group(s), choose one principle of disability justice. Then, develop a set of 5+ questions that you may ask yourself when incorporating that principle into your work.
4. As a group(s), come up with a new principle entirely, expanding upon the existing principles. Be prepared to share a name and definition for your principle.
   - How does this new principle promote disability justice?
   - How does it differ/compare to other principles?