

# How do movements become revolutionary?

Part of moving from powerful social movements that fight against the abuses of the government and economy to total revolutions is to *generalize* the activities from the movement into other spheres of society.

What does this mean?

Take the uprisings happening right now in the streets against police brutality. This emerging civil rights movement is powerful and is showing a ton of bravery as it faces off with armed police in cities across the country. To make it more powerful, even more people need to come to demonstrations.

But that's not all that needs to happen.

We also need to take the movement's energy from the streets and channel it into our neighborhoods, workplaces and schools.

If students walkout of schools, workers go on strike, and neighborhoods begin organizing our own ways of staying safe without/against the police, then the movement further develop its revolutionary potential. It's through taking over the institutions of our everyday lives that we hold the potential to build a new society that doesn't include terrible work conditions, low wages, and attacks by the police and immigration.

Below are some tips on things you can do at your workplaces, your school, in your neighborhood and at a protest. These are by no means the only things you can do, but they're at least some ideas to get started.

Hit us up so that we can come up with more ideas together, share resources, and collaborate.

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## Things to do if you're a worker:

- Talk to your co-workers during breaks, at lunch, and whenever else about what's happening in the world, what they think of the protests, if they're interested in participating, etc
- If you're in a union, bring the police brutality protests and issues up at union meetings. Pass resolutions in support of protests and against police brutality.
- Make a flyer and pass it out at workplaces and union halls with information about upcoming protests and updates about police brutality cases. Workers should be discussing these events on a daily basis and figuring out why/how/when to play a role in them.
- Hold rallies at transportation and infrastructure hubs such as BART and AC Transit, Port Facilities, Power Facilities such as Oil Refineries, Water, PG&E and Sewage Treatment Facilities. Do this so workers can be better prepared for demonstrations which seek to halt transportation and energy services, and serve to better organize and facilitate such protests with clear objectives.
- Bring banners of unions or groups of workers like Transport and Energy Workers to police brutality marches. Use these tools to build stronger organization with other workers and with mass movements such the one fighting police brutality.





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# MUNDAY 12/15 WALKUL for a city where we should not live in fear of police

3:30pm Student/Parent/Teacher Rally @Fruitvale Bart Station



#### Things to do at your school:

- Talk to your friends and teachers and organize a meeting at lunch to talk about police brutality, protests, and how these things affect your school. Talk to students from other schools and find out what they're doing - tell them about what you're interested in organizing.
- Start a study group on political topics like revolutions, social movements, and revolutionary groups/individuals.
- Figure out who the most political teachers are Meet with them at lunch and talk about how to get your school organized to attend protests together, have events on campus, etc. Tell your teachers to join the "Bay Area Educators Against Police Brutality" group on facebook.
- Organize walkouts, die-ins, and other actions at your school to show that your school community is aware of and active against police violence.



#### Things to do at a protest:

- Watch the cops pay attention and take pictures of their badge numbers, film all acts of police brutality at protests.
- Talk to people that you don't know and do things like lead chants together, strategize about what the march can go. Help promote a positive vibe, especially when things get tense with the cops.
- Pay attention to important infrastructural points like transportation (BART, Port, Train, AC Transit lines) and energy facilities; these can be key places to take marches and protests to shut down business as usual. Always talk to the workers who are at those places and explain to them what you're protesting about. Their support can be some of the most valuable support we can get.
- Do not take pictures of people doing illegal things. This can land people in jail.
- If you or anyone you know gets arrested, call the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) at **415-285-1011** to get legal support; write that number on your hand/arm just in case.

## Things to do in your neighborhood:

- Host a meeting with your friends, family and neighbors to discuss police, safety and neighborhood issues.
- Form a Copwatch group so that you can make your neighborhood safer; Host a Know Your Rights training to ensure safety as you film citizen encounters with police.
- Contact groups like WeCopwatch, NLG and Berkeley Copwatch for support and trainings; hit us up if you need help finding these groups.