

# The 4 R's

As we move into climate justice, how can we assess our activism and advocacy, and bring it in line with CJ principles?

1. Reflection
2. Restoration
3. Reparation
4. Right Relationship



# The 4 R's : Reflection

- **Reflecting on our activism, campaigning & advocacy to date**
  - Has it been in alignment with our principles?
  - Where may we have caused harm?
- **Reflect on our own positionality**
  - What is this issue to me?
  - Who is most impacted by this issue?
  - Who am I to them?
  - What is my relationship with those most impacted?
  - Why do I feel compelled to take this action?
    - Have I checked my own ego?
    - Would I still be invested in this work if my work was not visible / if I was not seen to be leading?
  - Are there other people I should be following?
  - Am I the right person to be taking this action?



# The 4 R's : Restoration

- Restorative justice
- Recognising that our previous actions and ways of campaigning may have caused harm
  - Even if not our intention, if our impact was to cause harm then we need to restore that harm
- Taking the lead from those who have been harmed as to what restorative justice looks like
  - May need to undo the harm in terms of repealing policies, counter campaigning, public apology or accountability
- Commit to a process of restoration, not the outcome of being “forgiven” or now seen to be a good ally



# The 4 R's : Reparations

- If I have reflected on my practice and can't identify harm caused that needs to be addressed and restored, have I (or my organisation, campaign etc.) benefited from unearned privilege or unfair advantages?
- Can I distribute my resources (physical, financial, publicity, personnel, other opportunities) to support those who do not have this privilege?
- Whose land do I / my organisation reside on?
- Whose labour has been exploited so that I can be here?



# The 4 R's : Right Relationship

- I am committed to being in right relationship with other communities
- I am willing to be accountable and transparent in my relationships
- I seek to learn and continue my journey in understanding other communities' experiences, oppressions, and needs
- I carry out my activism and advocacy within the context of strong relationships

