



Principles of Social Justice

The Leever Foundation sees these principles as a starting point for understanding social justice and incorporating it into our philanthropic activities. That said, the Foundation's journey of understanding and engaging with this work is ever emergent. We are continually exploring and interrogating these principles as we integrate them within all of our philanthropic activities. We strive to be truly intentional in our work as we develop our role in creating a more equitable and just society.

Equality, Liberation & Justice for All

- Challenging the structures that perpetuate inequality
- Demanding justice for historically oppressed groups

Human Rights & Dignity

- Affirming the inherent human rights of every individual
- Ensuring dignity and respect for all people, regardless of their background

Inclusion, Diversity & Representation

- Celebrating diversity in race, gender, sexuality, and ability
- Rejecting discrimination and prejudice in all forms

Intersectionality & Solidarity

- Understanding the interconnectedness of multiple identities and oppressions
- Building solidarity among marginalized communities for collective action
- Centering the experiences of the most vulnerable and marginalized voices

Grassroots Activism & Transformational Change

- Advocating for fundamental and transformative change in oppressive systems
- Engaging in grassroots activism to challenge power structures
- Equipping communities to take control of their own liberation

Power & Privilege

- Analyzing power dynamics and privilege within society
- Recognizing one's own privilege and its impact
- Using privilege to support marginalized groups and challenge oppressive systems

Understanding Justice Movements & Direct Action

- Studying historical and contemporary social justice movements
- Learning from successful movements and their strategies
- Identifying areas for further advocacy and activism

Civic Engagement

- Understanding the importance of community participation
- Learning about the democratic process and civil rights
- Engaging in community service and volunteering

Global Perspective

- Recognizing the impact of global capitalism and imperialism on marginalized communities
- Understanding the interconnectedness of global challenges
- Supporting anti-imperialist movements that resist domination and exploitation

Human Well-being & Environmental Justice

- Supporting sustainable practices that protect both people and the planet
- Prioritizing the well-being of people and communities over corporate interests
- Demanding environmental justice and fighting against environmental racism

Collective Care & Joy

- Practicing collective care and support within activist communities
- Fostering a culture of accountability and respect in social justice work
- Knowing that the work is taxing and long-term, therefore it is vital to include intentional rest and joy