

Resources for Activism

This is a very short list of some valuable resources with which you can connect. The Resource Section at the end of *A New Republic of the Heart* contains many more. There are *many* other worthy and important projects that are not mentioned in either place!

Timely and Immediate

The People's Climate March will be September 8, 2018. We can all participate, even if we can't travel to Washington DC. <https://peoplesclimate.org>

In my book, *A New Republic of the Heart*, I write, "it is an absolute moral and practical necessity for citizens of any imperfect democracy to participate directly in the political process. That means that voting is a moral obligation."

This applies in any democracy, but it is particularly important right now in the United States. As we get closer to the very important **2018 US midterm elections**, this is a time when engagement is especially crucial.

In-the-System

If it's hard for you to leave home, you can do a lot by donating money and by the simple act of writing postcards to voters in close districts, or hosting a party at your home and doing so with a group of friends.

- You can find resources for this kind of activism here: <https://postcardstovoters.org> I recommend registering right away so you can maximize your impact!

Donating money is important. But volunteering gives you a much richer experience of engagement. If you can participate more actively, the following resources are valuable:

- The Indivisible Guide is remarkable, probably the best resource available to help you influence politics and Congress: <https://www.indivisibleguide.com/guide/> The associated website can put you in touch with local indivisible groups; there may be one in your area.
- You can make the biggest difference in the midterms by increasing voter registration in swing districts. Contact any local candidate with whom you feel alignment or perhaps the Democratic Party itself: <https://action.dccc.org/page/s/volunteer>

Additional resources:

- Online Tools for Social Activists <https://actionnetwork.org>
- EDF <https://www.edf.org>
- NRDC <https://www.nrdc.org>
- ACLU <https://www.aclu.org>
- The Network of Spiritual Progressives <http://spiritualprogressives.org>

Transpartisan

The Transpartisan Review <http://www.transpartisanreview.com>

The Bridge Alliance <http://www.bridgealliance.us>

The Institute for Cultural Evolution

<http://www.culturalevolution.org>

All Sides <https://www.allsides.com>

Tools for Engaging (mostly transpartisan in nature)

Undivide Us <http://www.undivide-us.com>

Converge for Impact <http://www.convergeforimpact.com>

Village Square Conversations <http://tlh.villagesquare.us>

Living Room Conversations <http://www.livingroomconversations.org>

Against-the-System

Environment:

Climate: <https://350.org>

Rise For Climate: <https://riseforclimate.org>

Human Care Across Boundaries:

Pachamama Alliance <https://www.pachamama.org>

Standing Rock <http://standwithstandingrock.net>

Black Lives Matter <https://policy.m4bl.org>

Gay-Straight Alliance <https://gsanetwork.org>

Around-the-System

Environment

There are countless social enterprises which potentially can make major contributions to a more sustainable climate and environment. They are summarized, on a big-picture perspective in Paul Hawken's new book reporting a multi-year detailed project quantifying carbon impacts of multiple solutions:

<http://www.drawdown.org>

Conscious Social Capital

- <https://www.consciouscapitalism.org>, <http://socialcapitalmarkets.net>

Enterprise Solutions to Poverty

- Microfinance, Microfranchise, Social Enterprise
- Examples: [Living Goods](#)—Avon model for delivery of basic health and personal care products. Solves last mile distribution problem AND provides livelihood. Highly scalable.
- [Juma Ventures](#)—taking at-risk youth and training them skills in real-world business situation, giving them education AND employment through earned-income. Reduce recidivism, skills training, and livelihood development.

Venture Philanthropy: Using charitable dollars to invest in social ventures.

- [Acumen Fund](#), [Echoing Green](#)

Impact Investing

- [Blended Value Corporations](#)
- [B-Corps and Benefit Corporations](#)
- Mainstream adoption: [Global Impact Investing Network \(GIIN\)](#) and [Global Impact Investing Networks \(GIIRS\)](#) ratings, [Morgan Stanley's Investing with Impact](#), [Bain Capital' Double-Impact Fund](#), [Blackrock Impact](#), and more.
- Embedded sustainability companies like [Tesla](#), whose mission is *“to accelerate the world’s transition to sustainable energy”*.

Self-managing “Teal” Organizations

- Examples: [Buurtzorg](#), [Morningstar Company](#) [Zappo's](#), [Holacracy One](#)

The radical work of uniting the inner work and the outer work

- A new California 501c3 nonprofit initiative, called A New Republic of the Heart will soon be announced. I will be inviting you to get involved with it soon. Stay tuned!