

The Power Matrix

Summary

Movement strategy that centres a power analysis is about solving problems of injustice and inequality by building, mobilising, and using our power to block, change, and engage the dominant structures and expressions of power. What connections do you see between creating and resisting power?

Distinct arenas and expressions of transformative power require different, interconnected strategies and approaches that are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. For example, to face formidable forces, we need to build and leverage our movement power – through intersectional organising, critical awareness, diverse leadership and alliances. Our tactics seek to mobilise and amplify our demands, collective voices, and narratives so that we can block, resist, pressure, propose or engage with the structures and dynamics of power.

Building our collective power is ongoing, long-term, and foundational to all other strategies involving the heart, mind, and body. It is also where we put our democratic values into practice and stretch beyond our comfort zones with new allies and organised collectives.

Our ability to reimagine the future in line with our values reinforces how we build and sustain our movements and guides our demands and narratives.

No single organisation or group has all the capacities necessary to do everything it takes to transform power and achieve systemic change. Movements are all about expanding the 'we' through the ways we organise, connect, communicate, and take action. In this way, we manoeuvre through shifting opportunities and threats while always strengthening our 'critical connections' across borders, issues, and sectors.