

Planning Your Observance with Collective Recovery in Mind

Together with your observance-planning group, answer these questions to think about how your observance can be a place for collective recovery:

- How can you set up the physical space to allow for different types of interactions? (One-on-one discussions, watching a performance, space for someone to take a moment alone but still be connected, etc.)
- Are there other groups you might want to be connected to that you can invite? (Youth groups, seniors, etc.) How can you extend a special invite for them to be involved?
- Are there opportunities to bring the group together through a moment of silence, a song, or a prayer?
- Is it helpful to have a host or emcee to guide participants through the observance?
- Are there ways for people to be in motion? Dancing, walking, moving their bodies?
- Are there opportunities for people to create? To draw, build, cook, write, or rhyme?
- Have you thought about the accessibility of your event? Is it accessible for wheelchair users and people of all ages? Is there food, water, and access to restrooms? Is it a location that will safe to participants? Do you have a plan for inclement weather?