We envision a just and peaceful world. We work on the interconnected issues of peace; human rights; and economic, social, and racial justice; through education, advocacy, training, nonviolent activism, community organizing, and collaboration.
General Information

We offer our programs across Vermont as public events and privately through schools, colleges, faith-based organizations, libraries, community groups, and other institutions and organizations. Many of these programs are adaptable and can be combined. School-aged versions are available for many of these programs. For more information, contact Program@PJCVT.org.

Fees vary based on the resources available to each group and individual. Organizations contracting us can view our Fee Schedule for more information. When hosted publicly, no individual is turned away from our programs due to a lack of funds. People under 25 are not expected to contribute financially. We ask those who can pay full price or more to help keep our programs financially accessible to all, regardless of income. Our Sliding Scale Fee outlines how individuals can determine how much to contribute.

Racial Justice

These programs highlight the injustices Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) face. They aim to help white people engage in anti-racist work by challenging practices and behaviors that support them while hurting POC. They also aim to give POC space to dissect their experiences without educating white people. Details of each multi-part workshop vary based on facilitators and participants.

Seeing & Disrupting Racism 45mins-2hrs
This 101 level workshop defines racism and gives participants insight into the various ways in which racism manifests from an individual to a systemic level. Participants will unpack how individual and systemic acts perpetuates racism and start brainstorming ways to address racism when they see it. This workshop was developed for predominantly white audiences, but all are welcome.

BIPOC Affinity Group 1-2hrs
This program is led by BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) for BIPOC. This space is for BIPOC to share their experiences and explore their identities in a safe space with one another.

Unpacking Whiteness 1-2hrs
This discussion group is for white people to process how white supremacy culture is harmful to them. The hope is that this space will allow white people to will work towards collective liberation and allow the emotional needs of POC to take priority in multi-racial spaces.

Building Empathy & Addressing Racial Oppression Three 2hr sessions
This program gives participants the opportunity to build skills and knowledge to engage in addressing racism. Participants will learn to recognize and name racism within themselves and their communities and explore ways to act from a place of collective liberation rather than from pity or saviorism.
Talking with Kids about Racism Three 2hr sessions
This workshop addresses the impact of racism and white privilege on children. It is designed to help people build skills to be more effective in discussing these issues with children in meaningful and age-appropriate ways.

Fair Trade
These programs encourage positive change through the economic justice lens. They foster discussion on free trade, fair trade, specific industries, and the implications of globalization and trade policies.

Fair Trade vs. Free Trade 1.5-2hrs
This workshop explores how policies and practices have allowed corporations to profit by outsourcing domestic jobs and forcing BIPOC communities around the world to be overworked and underpaid. Participants will learn how the Fair Trade Movement is a sustainable alternative that breaks this cycle of violence.

The Banana Industry 1.5-2hrs
This discussion aims to deepen participants' knowledge about the impacts of global consumerism by examining the horrendous business practices of Chiquita and Dole, including the monopolization of the banana lands and workers, and Chiquita's former collaboration with the US government to fund a terrorist organization and a banana worker massacre.

Understanding Fair Trade Labels 1.5-2hrs
This presentation breaks down the barriers between you (the consumer) and the organizations that work towards a more ethical supply chain. This workshop not only explores the basics of fair trade labels but also how you can participate in the movement to be part of nonviolent activism.

Global Trade & Racism 1.5-2hrs
This presentation exposes how racism exists everywhere, even in the ways we make daily purchases. Participants will learn about the history and current state of global trade, and how the continued marginalization of African, Asian, and Latin American communities has led to fast money for corporations, but not for small producers. Participants will leave with an understanding of how the fair trade movement serves as an ethical alternative.

Chocolate & Modern Slavery 1.5-2hrs
In this presentation, participants will learn how profitable companies like Hershey and Nestlé continue to utilize child labor. Participants will learn about the cocoa industry's lack of accountability and how wealth distribution and industry practices perpetuate generational poverty and enable modern slavery.
Book Discussions

♦ A People’s History of the United States, Howard Zinn
♦ How to Be an Anti-Racist, Ibram X. Kendi
♦ Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, Harriet Jacobs
♦ Narrative in the Life of Frederick Douglass, Frederick Douglass
♦ The Fire This Time, Jesmyn Ward
♦ The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas
♦ The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, Michelle Alexander

Coming Soon: We are working on making the programs below available online.

Pro-Peace/Anti-War

These programs address the U.S.’s militaristic approach to conflict, give tools to engage in conflict nonviolently, and challenge misinformation about the power of nonviolence.

Film Screenings

Films can be a great way to start a conversation and absorb powerful stories and truths. A presentation, facilitated discussion, panel, and/or Q&A session may also accompany the screenings.

Public Readings

We developed two scripts highlighting stories of people impacted by the war on the ground. Testimony from Survivors of Drone Strikes and What is Really Going on in Yemen can be performed in public spaces, read as a group, or performed in a more formal setting. We also offer readings of Frederick Douglass’ The Meaning of the Fourth of July to the Negro.