

Anti-Racist Organizing

Over the past year, PARC has defined its commitment to anti-racist organizing. PARC is committed to exposing and challenging the institutionalized racism of the criminal injustice system as well as to further developing anti-racism as individuals and throughout our organization.

An anti-racist organizing committee of staff and volunteers meets to strategize and implement different elements of this work from quarterly workshops, to hiring protocol and priorities, to translation of our materials into spanish.

Internship Program

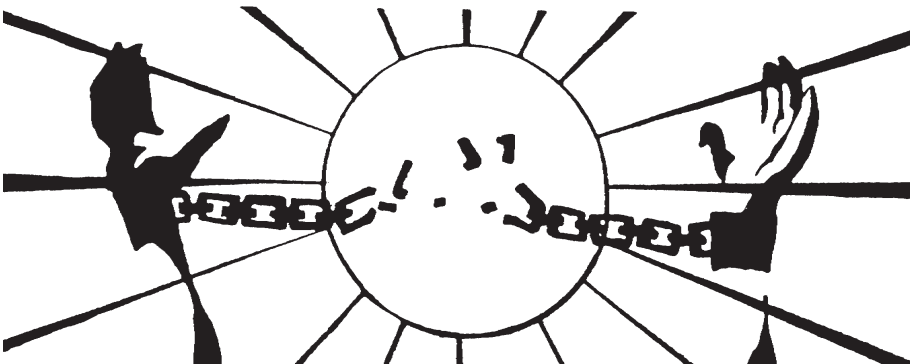
The PARC Internship program is designed to pass on skills and develop leadership amongst new prison activists. Our internship opportunities include: campus organizing, outreach, web site development, grassroots fund raising and grant writing, research, materials production, curriculum development, radio production, and prisoner support work.

Summer intern Kyoko Aoki wrote of her experience in the PARC internship program, "this solidified for me that prison activism is what I want to do with my life."

Prison Issues Curriculum

One component of PARC's public education work is our prison issues curricula. This project was kicked off in high schools and adult schools throughout the Bay Area in February 2000. After training many volunteer teachers on the Criminalization of Youth and Proposition 21, we visited several Bay Area schools educating students about these issues.

These educational units are designed for both teachers and students to provide information, to stimulate discussion, and to inspire action and community involvement. New curricula are being developed on issues such as the death penalty, who's in prison, and prison profits.



Community members discussing INS detention centers at PARC's March film and discussion night.

Thanks to your support, PARC has grown by leaps and bounds!

With new volunteers, staff, and interns, PARC is adopting new projects and strengthening our existing work.

Looking forward to the months ahead we will be:

- **expanding our art department**
- **editing and distributing a newly updated version of the *Organizing Guide for Educators and Activists***
- **bringing the death penalty curriculum into Bay Area schools, and**
- **updating our resource packet for prisoners.**

We will continue to educate and agitate for prisoners rights and against the prison industry by building a national prison activist movement.

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