

KIN convening

KIN aims to build a community of black organisers working together to support each other, share best organising practice and new ideas for movements for black liberation.

The 2019 KIN convening will provide an opportunity for activists from different corners of the world to learn from each other's experiences of tackling racism across diverse political contexts, and co-create strategies for resistance that span geographical divides. The content for the convening will be made up of all of the sessions that participants propose through the application process. Each participant may want to discuss a moment in history, a policy or political reality of our moment, the theories and approaches that underpin their work or the content of their work itself. Our aim is to co-create the space with each participant to get as much out of it as possible.

What we want to get out of this convening:

- History and current context
- How do we produce knowledge? Who owns it?
- How do we organise at the intersections of blackness?
- Spaces for healing and build relationships
- Movement mapping and/or skill-sharing

Key issue areas we're particularly interested in this year

- Migration
- Incarceration (in particular drugs policy and the school to prison pipeline)
- Climate justice
- Rise of the far right

As a space where black people come together to try and do work towards a collective liberation, we strive to embody a core set of values as we begin building this community. We invite participants to think about how they relate to these values and the energy they want to bring to the space.

About the application process

Applications are open until Monday 5th August. In this time we invite participants to either fill in the application form, or send us a video/audio recording with all the information and the description of your proposed session.

We are here to help all the way through the process. If you need any support with the application form or with sending us your video/audio, write to Annick at

kinfolknetwork@gmail.com

After the application process closes, we will probably be in touch with you by phone and/or by email for additional questions on your proposal, and we will let you know quickly if your proposal has been selected or not. The team will then help you organise your trip to our convening.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can anyone apply?

No. Only Black/mixed raced people of African descent can apply to and attend the convening.

Will I definitely have to deliver a session?

No, but there's a 50% chance you will. Please contact us (kinfolknetwork@gmail.com) if you want to attend the convening without facilitating a session.

Can I come to the convening if I don't speak English?

Yes. Whilst we currently do not have budget to provide a full interpretation service for the whole convening we will be offering some services to support individual participants who need support.

If I'm selected to facilitate a session, will I have any support in the design and delivery of my session?

Yes, we can work through it with you from the very early stages through to the last days. Each applicant will be assigned a buddy who can support you in the development and delivery of their session as much or as little as is desired.

Do I have to deliver the session by myself?

Not at all, your buddy will be on hand to co-facilitate the session if you wish.

How are you selecting who takes part in/who facilitates sessions at the convening?

To facilitate a session you can fill the application form [here](#). We select facilitators based on:

- The relevance of their session in relation to the convening's objectives
- A diversity of facilitators in terms of background and approach
- Their compatibility with KIN's values: antiracism, antisexism, antihomophobia, antitransphobia, a refusal of respectability politics, in defense of the idea of the emancipation of all Black people of African descent around the globe.

I'm not part of any organisation, I would not define myself as an activist. Can I facilitate something at the convening?

Maybe. We have a number of key priorities that we want to explore at this convening but we want this to be done in a creative and healing way and want a variety of interventions throughout. We have no strict definition of 'activist' so whether you're in school, or you're an artist, a social worker, a blogger, a yoga teacher, a community organiser... Give us your idea for a great session for the emancipation of Black life and let's go!