

TAKE ACTION - Choose a Card



Are you motivated by the miner's protest chants? Inspired by Billy expressing himself? Want to stand in solidarity with your community? Harness the joyful energy of Billy Elliot the musical and transform it into concrete change outside of the walls of the Berges Theater! Choose a card and do the actions. These actions will help you find resources, connect with your local community, and advocate for a more just future for all. You can use this document to find extended resource lists and clickable links for all of the action cards.

This activity is inspired by the Oakland Museum of California's Black Power Exhibit. See more of their work at museumca.org/projects/black-power

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SUPPORT LOCAL WORKERS

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Missouri Jobs with Justice (MO JwJ)

Just as miners fought for labor rights in *Billy Elliot*, you can champion real justice for all workers in St. Louis and beyond with Missouri Jobs with Justice. MO JwJ is an activist organization that is made up of individuals, community, labor, student & faith groups fighting for social, racial, & economic justice. *"We pledge to be there for each other, no matter where we live, what we look like, or how much money we make, so that each of us have all that we need, from the cradle to the grave."*

Pass the PRO Act

Protect the right to organize & come together in union! Demand Congress pass the PRO Act at [mojwj.org/action/pass-the-pro-act-protect-the-right-to-organize/](https://www.mojwj.org/action/pass-the-pro-act-protect-the-right-to-organize/)

Attend a Meeting

Join the next STL Organizing Committee meeting
Every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 PM at [mojwj.org/st-louis/](https://www.mojwj.org/st-louis/)



[mojwj.org](https://www.mojwj.org)

[@MOJwJ](https://twitter.com/MOJwJ)

[@missourijwj](https://www.instagram.com/missourijwj)

STL Organizer:
Alicia@mojwj.org



Extended MO JwJ Links

Demand Congress pass the PRO Act:

<https://www.mojwj.org/action/pass-the-pro-act-protect-the-right-to-organize/>

Attend a STL Organizing Committee meeting: <https://www.mojwj.org/st-louis/>

Website: <https://www.mojwj.org/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mojwj?lang=en>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/missourijwj/?hl=en>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MissouriJobsWithJustice/>

STL Organizer + Contact: Alicia@mojwj.org

CONNECT TO ST. LOUIS QUEER+ SUPPORT HELPLINE

St. Louis Queer+ Support Helpline



St. Louis Queer + Support Helpline (SQSH)

At the heart of *Billy Elliot* is the theme of self expression, whether through sexuality, dress, protest, or dance. If you are interested in finding support or further resources on queer issues, reach out to SQSH! SQSH provides free, confidential, identity-affirming emotional support and resources referrals to the St. Louis LGBTQIA+ community.

Call the Helpline

Local: 314-380-7774
Toll-Free: 844-785-7774
Friday–Monday 1:00–7:00 PM
Request a call at
thesqsh.org/helpline

Volunteer

at thesqsh.org/volunteer

Request a Training

at tinyurl.com/SQSHTraining

Attend a Course

Monthly course on peer counseling @thesqsh on Facebook

Donate

at thesqsh.org/donate



thesqsh.org

@thesqsh



Extended SQSH Links

LEARN ABOUT SQSH

For General Contact |

tinyurl.com/SQSHGeneralContact

For Media Inquiries |

tinyurl.com/SQSHMediaContact

Join SQSH's Newsletter |

tinyurl.com/SQSHList

CONNECT WITH SQSH

Request a SQSH Presentation |

tinyurl.com/SQSHPresentation

Request a SQSH Training |

tinyurl.com/SQSHTraining

Partner with SQSH |

tinyurl.com/SQSHPartner

APPLY TO JOIN SQSH

Join SQSH as a Helpline Volunteer |

[Volunteer — SQSH](https://thesqsh.org/volunteer)

Join SQSH's Steering/Advisory Team |

tinyurl.com/SQSHTeam

Join SQSH as an Intern/Practicum Student |

tinyurl.com/SQSHInternPracticum

STRENGTHEN OUR RESOURCE DATABASE

Submit a SQSHBook Resource |

tinyurl.com/SQSHSubmitAResource

Edit a SQSHBook Resource |

tinyurl.com/SQSHEditAResource

Call the Helpline - Local: 314-380-7774 Toll Free: 844-785-7774 Request a call at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScakQio3CsxKAusz28SYj5n0GNjUoed17HolJHO9savzK-BZQ/viewform>

Volunteer: <https://www.thesqsh.org/volunteer.html>

Request a SQSH training: tinyurl.com/SQSHTraining

Attend a peer counseling monthly course: <https://www.facebook.com/thesqsh>

Donate: <https://thesqsh.org/donate.html>

Website: <https://www.thesqsh.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thesqsh>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/thesqsh/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/thesqsh>

Snapchat: <https://www.snapchat.com/add/thesqsh>

DEFEND BLACK LIVES

ACTION St. Louis



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During the mining strike of 1984-85, police used brutality to suppress the people's power. This tactic is still in use today in the St. Louis Police Department enacting anti-Black violence. Join Action St. Louis in their call to defund the police and reshape public policy to defend Black lives. Action St. Louis is a grassroots racial justice organization that seeks to build political power for Black communities in the St. Louis region.

Re-envision Public Safety

Defund. Re-envision. Transform. Sign up for action alerts + Sign their petition + Read the tool kit at actionstl.org/defund-slmpd

Support the People's Plan

Read the plan + Endorse the plan at peoplesplanstl.org



actionstl.org

@actionstl



Extended ACTION St. Louis Links

Re-envision Public Safety at: <https://actionstl.org/defund-slmpd>

Support the People's Plan at: <https://actionstl.org/peoples-plan>

Website: <https://actionstl.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ActionSTL/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/actionstl/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ActionSTL>

GROW COMMUNITY WITH MUTUAL AID

St. Louis Mutual Aid

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St. Louis Mutual Aid (STLMA)

During the 1984-85 mining strike, many different communities came together for support through mutual aid action + funds. You too can support your community through acts of mutual aid with STL Mutual Aid. STLMA is a network of organizers, healers, artists, community leaders, and every day people coming together to deliver food and supplies, provide financial solidarity, offer emotional support, and connect people to their neighbors.

Donate to Mutual Aid Fund

Solidarity not charity! Give directly to neighbors at stlmutualaid.org/fund

Do Mutual Aid

Deliver food and supplies to neighbors + Join the hotline team + Offer other forms of mutual aid at bit.ly/stlcovidform



stlmutualaid.org

@stlmutualaid



Hotline:

314-925-0125



Extended St. Louis Mutual Aid Links

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Do Mutual Aid: bit.ly/stlcovidform

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stlmutualaid/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stlmutualaid/?hl=en>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/stlmutualaid?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

Hotline: 314-925-0125

LEARN ABOUT THE VILLE

4 the Ville



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The Ville neighborhood is one of the most historically significant Black communities in America, with a story that closely mirrors *Billy Elliot*. Just as pit closures deeply damaged mining communities in 1984, the closure of Homer G. Phillips Hospital in 1979 has irrevocably changed the Ville. Today arts education + programming is centered as a tool for healing and growth. Support 4 the Ville + other cultural institutions in honoring the legacy and future of the Ville.



4theville.org

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 @4theVILLE

info@4theville.org

Learn About the Ville

- + Visit 4theville.org, find resources, + take a virtual tour
- + Watch *The Color of Medicine* a documentary about Homer G. Phillips Hospital that trained Black doctors and nurses
- + Watch *The One and Only Dick Gregory* documentary about comedian, activist, and Ville resident Dick Gregory
- + Research Sumner High School history + plan for arts education
- + See theater inspired by and made with 4 the Ville
at stlshakes.org/production/theville/ Sept. 9 – Sept. 11, 2021



Extended 4 the Ville Links

Visit, find resources and take a virtual tour: <http://www.4theville.org/>

Watch *The Color of Medicine*: <https://www.thecolorofmedicine.com/film>

Watch *The One and Only Dick Gregory*: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4829936/>

Research Sumner High School history + plans for arts education: [Sumner High School in St. Louis to stay open with an arts and activism focus](#) + [St. Louis Board of Education approves plan to keep historic Sumner High School open, offer enhanced arts education](#)

See theater: <https://stlshakes.org/production/theville/>

Website: <http://www.4theville.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/4theVILLE/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/4thevillestl/?hl=en>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/4theVILLESTL?lang=en>

BUILD A SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

Solidarity Economy St. Louis

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In times of economic hardship, Billy's town found strength in solidarity and community. Similarly, Solidarity Economy St. Louis unites a network of groups and individuals striving to build and grow an economy that values justice, sustainability, self-determination, and cooperation.

Help with the Grower Season

Help with workdays + community outreach + distribution + marketing + graphic design at solidaritystl.org/grow


Join the Network

Commit to building an economy that values justice + more at solidaritystl.org/join



solidaritystl.org

314-745-0090

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 @SolidarityEconomyStl

solidaritystl@gmail.com



Extended Solidarity Economy St. Louis Links

Help with the Grower Season: solidaritystl.org/grow

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Website: <https://www.solidaritystl.org/>

Phone: 314-745-0090

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/solidaritystl/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/solidarityeconomystl>

Email: solidaritystl@gmail.com

SHOW UP FOR STRIKES

Fight for \$15 + National General Strike



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In the 1984-85 mining strike, Black people, queer folks, women, and other trade workers all banded together in support for the miners. Right now, workers across Missouri and the U.S. need your help to build more equitable working conditions. Use your time, voice, and resources to show up for striking workers with any of the following organizations.

Join Fight for \$15

- + Learn how and why to join the fight + go on strike at fightfor15.org
- + Sign a petition for MO workers at fightfor15.org/showme15/

Participate in National General Strike

- + A general strike is a strike action in which a substantial proportion of the total labor force in a city, region, or country participates. Join the strike Oct. 15th + learn more at octoberstrike.com
- + Learn about the history of the St. Louis 1877 General Strike at mohistory.org/blog/the-1877-st-louis-general-strike/



fightfor15.org
octoberstrike.com



Extended Fight for \$15 + National General Strike Links

Join Fight for \$15: <https://fightfor15.org/>

Sign this petition to support MO workers: <https://fightfor15.org/showme15/>

Participate in National General Strike: <https://octoberstrike.com/>

Learn about History of STL 1887 General Strike:

<https://mohistory.org/blog/the-1877-st-louis-general-strike/>

ADVOCATE FOR LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

ACLU of Missouri

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American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri (ACLU of MO)

Just as Michael defends the importance of queer expression, you can fight for LGBTQIA+ people's rights to expression and safety with the ACLU. The ACLU of Missouri works to ensure that LGBTQIA+ people can live openly without discrimination and enjoy equal rights, personal autonomy, and freedom of expression and association.



aclu-mo.org/en/trans2018

  @aclumo

 @aclu_mo

Sign this Petition

Tell MO Legislature you support Trans rights
actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-the-missouri-legislature-you-support-trans-rights

Subscribe to LGBTQIA+ Bill Tracker

Stay in the know at aclu-mo.org/en/trans2018



Extended ACLU Missouri Links

Support Trans rights - Sign this petition:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-the-missouri-legislature-you-support-trans-rights>

Subscribe to LGBTQIA+ Bill Tracker: <https://www.aclu-mo.org/en/trans2018>

Website: <https://www.aclu-mo.org/en/trans2018>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ACLUMO/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/aclumo/?hl=en>

Twitter:

https://twitter.com/aclu_mo?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

REFLECT ON YOUR SENSE OF HOME

Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis

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Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM)

What is your connection to St. Louis? Just as Billy strengthens his relationship to home, join CAM and CRXLAB to reflect on yours with *Collective Impact: A Sense of Home*. This youth led interactive exhibit invites visitors to understand where they come from and envision a future for St. Louis through reflection on immigration + citizenship, housing + health, and abolition + emancipation.

Interact with the Exhibit

- + Reflect on shared needs and concerns of St. Louis
- + Sign a Redesigner for Justice Manifesto
- + Trace personal or forced migrations
- + Write about how you wish to see the housing and health landscape change

Tickets are free! This exhibit is open until August 15th. CAM is open Thurs, Sat, Sun 10-5pm and Fri 10-8pm



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Extended CAM Links

Reserve free timed entry tickets: <https://camstl.org/shop/visit-cam/>

Read about the exhibit "Collective Impact: A Sense of Home":

<https://camstl.org/exhibitions/collective-impact/>

Website: <https://camstl.org/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/camstl/?hl=en>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ContemporarySTL>

Phone: 314-535-4660

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