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**MAY 2020**

# May Community Call

*Our kickoff community call during COVID-19*



The Organizing Team  
**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE U.S.**

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# Housekeeping

- This meeting will be recorded to keep accurate notes to share with attendees after the call.
- Staff will be monitoring the chat box.
- If you are not speaking, please mute yourself to minimize distractions.
- Slides and additional resources will be available on League Management Site:

<https://www.lwv.org/league-management/recruitment-engagement/organizing-resources-build-league-power>



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## Grounding Moment







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# To be of use

By: Marge Piercy

The people I love the best  
jump into work head first  
without dallying in the shallows  
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.  
They seem to become natives of that element,  
the black sleek heads of seals  
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,  
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,  
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,  
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge  
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest  
and work in a row and pass the bags along,  
who are not parlor generals and field deserters  
but move in a common rhythm  
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.  
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.  
But the thing worth doing well done  
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.  
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,  
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums  
but you know they were made to be used.  
The pitcher cries for water to carry  
and a person for work that is real.

# Our League of Women Voters Community





# Interactive Community Call Handout



## Interactive Community Call Handout

Facilitating and building engaging digital meetings can be a challenging experience for anyone. However, digital team bonding activities can help build community and strengthen already existing relationships regardless of physical distance. Use this interactive handout with guiding questions to write down your reflections on the team bonding activities presented today.

### Activity 1: 10 Things

**Objective:** Find 10 things everyone in your assigned group has in common.

**Key Features:** Large group compatible, ideal for groups looking to bond deeper, and requires everyone to participate.

**Directions:** Participants will be broken up into groups of 10 or more. Each group will choose one group member to report out their commonalities. Groups will have 12 minutes to figure out the 10 things they have in common.



### Reflection 1: 10 Things

*How did you feel as a participant? Was the activity fun? What helpful information do you think participants learned for each other? Are virtual breakout rooms needed for this activity? Did this activity engage everyone? Was the activity too complicated that it may have frustrated or confused participants? Was the activity too short and simple that it bored the participants? Any additional objectives or rules you would include to challenge participants more?*

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## Organizing Resources to Build League Power

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting not only our lives, our health and our economies, but also our ability to socialize, communicate and live in community. It becomes also more important than ever to continue to grow and defend our democracy, to make sure that everyone has a voice in our collective decision making and our future.

We know that our work must continue even in these times. To equip Leagues with the resources they need to thrive as we fight to defend voters and protect democracy, the LWVUS Organizing team will host trainings focused on sharpening skills to do our work well. Recordings of past trainings and a list of upcoming trainings can be found below:

- April 9th Digital Organizing Primer Recording
  - A look into the strategies, tools, and techniques you can use to continue building League power and getting people involved in your efforts. Please view the supplemental handouts to learn more about ways to put these skills into practice:
    - Digital Power Building Primer
    - Getting Started with your Digital Organizing Plan
    - Download the slides here



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# Activity 1: We have in common...

**Objective:** Find 10 things everyone in your team has in common.

- You will be placed into a virtual breakout room in groups of 10 or more.
- You will have **10 minutes** to create a list of commonalties among your group.
- You will pick a group member to report out to the entire group once your return from your breakout rooms.
- **Quick Tip:** Don't forget to introduce yourselves to each other.

# Reflection: Would I replicate this activity?

## Questions to consider:

- How did you feel as a participant?
- What helpful information did you learn from your group?
- Do you think your League will find this activity fun?
- Any additional objectives you would include to challenge participants more?



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# Activity 2: Aliens have landed

**Objective: Correctly describe a person, place or thing to the Aliens who have just landed.**

- The Organizing team will have an assigned topic that need to be explained to the aliens for each round.
- Volunteer will have 30 seconds to describe their chosen word in 5 words or less.
- Write your name in the chat box if you would like to volunteer.
- Everyone else will write their guesses in the chat box.

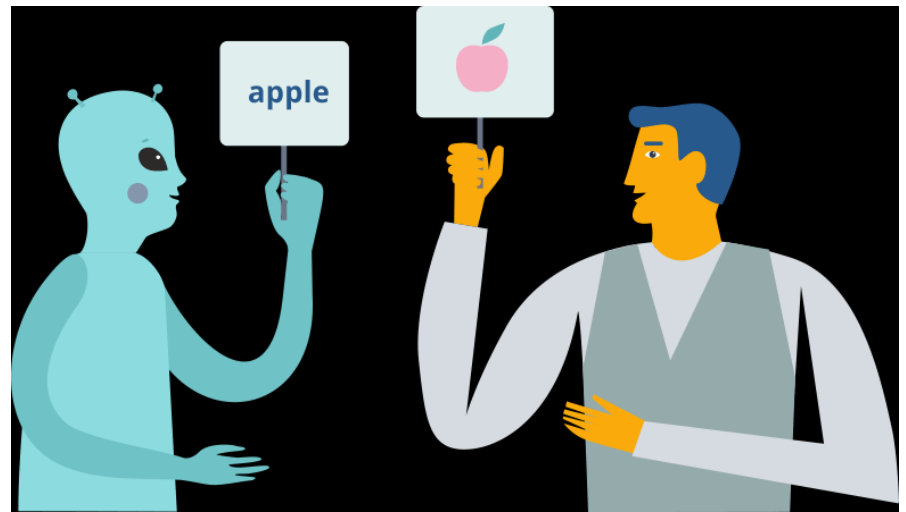


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# Reflection: Would I replicate this activity?

## Questions to consider:

- How did you feel as a participant?
- What are the pros and cons of large groups activities?
- Do you think your League will find this activity fun?
- Any additional objectives you would include to challenge participants more?



# Closing Remarks

“At the end of the day, people won’t remember what you said or did, they will remember how you made them feel.”

Maya Angelou



# Next Steps:

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- Contact [organizing@lww.org](mailto:organizing@lww.org) with any questions, comments or feedback!
- May 21<sup>st</sup> Team Building and Facilitating using Digital Platforms Training from 3-4 ET
- Save the Date: Community Call is on June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Check out <https://www.lww.org/covidguidance> for additional resources!







A group of people, primarily women, are marching in a parade on a city street. They are holding various signs, including "VOTE", "2020 CENSUS", "YOU VO MATTERS", "SAN GABRIEL", "WAGASE", "Be Heard", "TS TE", "WOMEN POWER THE VOTE", and "LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS 100 YEARS". The word "Questions?" is overlaid in large white text across the center of the image.

# Questions?