

# Taking Action to Fight Hatred and Violence

Following acts of hatred and bias, Bowdoin community members may look for ways to take action. Below is a sample of on-campus resources and local, state, and national organizations that fight inequality, hate, and discrimination on various fronts. This list is a starting point; please supplement it with your own research on issues you care about and visit the McKeen Center to get connected.

In addition to supporting or working with an organization listed below, consider the following:

- **Educate yourself** on the history and current context of issues in our world. **Take classes** that build your knowledge and challenge your thinking and **utilize multiple news sources and viewpoints** to inform your own perspective.
  - **Talk to people** from different backgrounds and belief systems. **Seek to understand** another person's beliefs in order to clarify your own principles.
  - **Volunteer** with local organizations to learn about your community. Visit the McKeen Center to find an organization that relates to your own specific interest or passion.
  - **Learn** about local, state, and national candidates and ballot questions and then **vote**.
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## ON CAMPUS

- **McKeen Center for the Common Good**, Banister Hall, Sarah Seames, [sseames@bowdoin.edu](mailto:sseames@bowdoin.edu)
- **Office of Inclusion and Diversity**, Hawthorne-Longfellow Hall, Michael Reed, [mreed@bowdoin.edu](mailto:mreed@bowdoin.edu)
- **Office of Religious and Spiritual Life**, 30 College Street, Eduardo Pazos, [epazos@bowdoin.edu](mailto:epazos@bowdoin.edu)
- **Sexuality, Women, and Gender (SWAG) Center**, 24 College Street, Kate Stern, [ksstern@bowdoin.edu](mailto:ksstern@bowdoin.edu)
- **Student Center for Multicultural Life**, 30 College Street, Benjamin Harris, [bharris@bowdoin.edu](mailto:bharris@bowdoin.edu)
- **Title IX Office**, Dudley Coe, Benje Douglas, [bdouglas@bowdoin.edu](mailto:bdouglas@bowdoin.edu)

## LOCAL

- **[Brunswick Area Indivisible](#)** works to build a community that supports and protects the values of inclusion, tolerance, and fairness by promoting awareness, knowledge, and action via peaceful means.
- **[Make Shift Coffee House](#)** brings together those from across the political spectrum to talk with one another and promote understanding and courtesy in the face of rising political partisanship.
- **[Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine](#)** helps empower, support, advocate, and inspire hope for survivors of sexual violence.
- **[Working for Justice Steering Committee, Brunswick Unitarian Universalist Church](#)** works to offer vital social justice programming that is personally transformative for the congregation and contributes to needed change in the larger community.

## MAINE

- **[Equality Maine](#)** seeks to secure full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in Maine through political action, community organizing, education, and collaboration.
- **[Immigrant Resource Center of Maine](#)** supports refugee and immigrant communities by offering culturally and linguistically sensitive services to promote a healthy and equitable Maine.
- **[Maine Boys to Men](#)** engages communities to shift attitudes and actions to end male violence against women and girls.
- **[Maine Council of Churches](#)** works to inspire congregations and persons of faith to unite in good works that build a culture of justice, compassion, and peace.

## NATIONAL

- **[American Civil Liberties Union](#)** works in courts, legislatures, and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties that the Constitution and the laws of the United States guarantee for everyone in this country.
- **[Anti-Defamation League](#)**, an international Jewish non-governmental organization based in the United States, fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals, and protects civil rights for all through information, education, legislation, and advocacy.
- **[FORGE](#)** provides direct services to transgender, gender non-conforming, and gender non-binary survivors of sexual assault.
- **[NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#)** seeks structural changes to expand democracy, eliminate disparities, and achieve racial justice in a society that fulfills the promise of equality for all Americans.