

#occupydetroit | how to help:

donate supplies!

#occupydetroit is in constant need of provisions for the encampment. We urgently need the following items:

- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Tarps
- Tents
- Warm socks
- Firewood
- Five gallon jugs of water
- Mylar emergency blankets
- Warm clothes
- Sanitizer tablets / test strips
- Thermometer covers
- Ponchos and other rain gear
- Gloves
- Winter boots
- Small propane tank
- Garden cart or wheelbarrow
- Food
 - Coffee
 - Fresh produce
 - Pasta
 - Meat

donate financially!

Talk to our Finance working group, you can get in contact with them by visiting Information.

donate yourself!

come to **Grand Circus Park**! While occupying either for the day or overnight (bring a tent), you can attend the general assembly (currently held twice a week), use your skills in one of our working groups, or lend a hand to our kitchen, medical, comfort, safety or sanitation groups.

nearby highways:



- 1 Information
- 2 Library
- 3 Media
- 4  Medical
- 5 Comfort
- 6 Lost & Found
- 7 Kitchen
- 8 Sign Display
- 9 Community Area
- 10 Edison Fountain
- 11 Pingree Statue

#occupydetroit | map of activities at grand circus park



general assembly | how it works:

The General Assembly is a gathering of people committed to making decisions based upon a collective agreement or “consensus.”

There is no single leader or governing body of the General Assembly – everyone’s voice is equal. Anyone is free to propose an idea or express an opinion as part of the General Assembly.

Each proposal follows the same basic format – an individual shares what is being proposed, why it is being proposed, and, if there is enough agreement, how it can be carried out.

The Assembly will express its opinion for each proposal through a series of hand gestures (see last panel). If there is positive consensus for a proposal – meaning no outright opposition – then it is accepted and direct action begins.

If there is not consensus, the responsible group or individual is asked to revise the proposal and submit again at the following General Assembly until a majority consensus is achieved.

working groups:

Within the GA, there are smaller gatherings known as “Working Groups” that focus on supporting specific initiatives or topics relevant to the movement.

Working groups range from Food, Medical, and Safety to Media, Racial Inclusion and Sensitivity, Direct Action, and many more. All groups are open to anyone interested in supporting.

For a list and description of each group, visit the Information table or our website at occupy-detroit.us

the “people’s mic”:

In situations with no amplification, the General Assembly may speak in short phrases in “layers” (rounds) and amplifies each other’s voices to ensure everyone can hear. The people’s mic is voluntary and if you disagree with what is being communicated, you don’t have to repeat what is being said.

general assembly | radical concepts:

To ensure that the GA operates in an inclusive and progressive environment, there are critical concepts that are employed. It is, of course, the personal responsibility of individuals to utilize these concepts in their own lives but everyone is encouraged to engage in discussion about these ideas.

Step Up, Step Back – This concept is used to ensure individuals check their privilege and step back to ensure that those who have been silenced all their lives are encouraged to step up. It also means those who have spoken a lot, recognize that and step back while encouraging those who have not spoken to step up.

Progressive Stack – This concept is utilized to ensure that the General Assembly stack, a list of speaking order, is diverse and consists of a variety of voices. Individuals from traditionally marginalized groups or who have not spoken may be moved ahead in speaking order to create balance and fairness.

facilitation team roles:

The facilitation team works to help support and moderate the general assembly by utilizing various mediation tools and concepts. Facilitation roles are leadership roles but that doesn’t mean anyone on the team is the ‘leader’. Facilitation team members are simply there to keep the meeting on track and ensure people are being respected. It is best, as a facilitator, to remain neutral and unbiased.

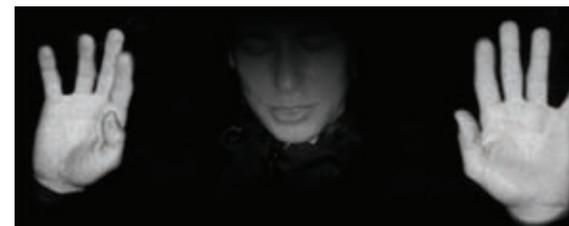
Co-Facilitator: The verbal component of the facilitation team.
Stack-Taker: This person keeps a speaking order list for each item on the agenda and ensures everyone is heard.
Scribe: Takes down agenda-related notes in front of the GA.
Minute-Taker: A record keeper, types the dialog of the GA.
Time Keeper: Makes sure everyone stays on time and ensures the GA stays on schedule.

Support Roles: On occasion, additional roles are filled to ensure the general assembly runs smoothly and that the facilitation team has as much support as is needed.

Stack Greeter: Meets with individuals and helps the Stack-Taker maintain a progressive stack.
Vibe Checker: Looks out for how the GA is feeling. Can call for a temperature check, and short break so everyone can relax, talk, and get on the same page.
Human Mic: Utilizes the “People’s Mic” to ensure everyone can hear.

general assembly | basic hand gestures

Below are four basic hand gestures out of many used during the General Assembly to express an opinion. These are used as a method of non-verbal communication. This ensures people are not interrupted, that everyone’s voice is heard and every opinion is respected.



a. Yes/Agreement



b. No/Disagree



c. Point of Process – The discussion is heading off-topic from the agenda; a valued interruption.



d. Block –You have a serious moral, ethical, or safety concern and would leave our cause if the proposal were to pass. This action will stop a proposal from being accepted unless retracted after further dialogue.