

—POST-ELECTION TOOLKIT—

UNSTOPPABLE VOTERS

MY HOPE, OUR HOPE TOOLKIT

Wondering what to do in the face of these post-election times?

This toolkit can help.

WHAT IS THIS TOOLKIT?

Join others all over the country in lifting up your hopes for what comes next! This toolkit includes instructions on how to make a hope flag, how to plan a hope flag event, and ideas on displaying and sharing your flags.

Why will this help?

As we wait for the election's outcome to be certified, we exercise our freedom of speech by lifting up our dreams and hopes. Our hopes motivate and connect us. Our hopes matter. With people participating from all over the United States, we share our hope flags together as a nationwide intention for the future of our country.



THE MY HOPE, OUR HOPE TOOLKIT

Step 1: GET INSPIRED

“Hope is a belief that what we do might matter, an understanding that the future is not yet written. It’s informed, astute open-mindedness about what can happen and what role we may play in it.” - Rebecca Solnit.

Read [Why Hope is Essential](#) to get inspired. Think



about what matters most to you and what you hope for – for yourself, your community, and this country.

Step 2: Flags – choose a style

Let your current supplies, abilities, and resources guide what you plan or make. Flags can be made of cloth, paper, recycled materials, or even be made digitally online. Your image or response can be drawn, painted, printed – whatever works for you.

[Find ideas for how to make your flags here.](#)

Step 3: In-person or virtual?

Decide if your hope event will be

- a local in-person safely socially-distanced event or
- a virtual event with your community or
- both

Prioritize the health and safety of everyone involved in your event! We repeat, please be sure to keep the health and safety of all in mind as you plan your event logistics. If your event is in-person, plan ways to facilitate the flag-making and sharing that [follow guidelines for social distancing](#). And wear your masks!

Step 4: SIGN UP!

Fill out the [Sign Up Form](#)!

Why is this important? So we know who you are, what city/state you are in, and what you are planning – if would-be participants ask us “We want to participate in an event in our city – can you tell us who we can connect with?” we can’t refer them to you if we don’t have your info!

Step 5: Plan your (group or solo) event

Plan to make your flags or have your event before January 20, 2021. Your gathering does not have to be formal or big. It can also be a group of your

neighbors, creative community, your classroom, your friends, or your family. It can even just be a gathering of one – you!

Invite attendees to reflect on one of the following prompts and then create an image, poem, or message on a flag inspired by it:

“My hope for my city/land/country is ____.”

“My hope is that our leadership will ____.”

“My hope for my community is ____.”

“My hope for what comes next is ____.”

Step 6: Share your flags

Choose a time and place to share your flags of hope in a safe public place chosen by your group. Display/walk with/share them with your community!

Alternative options include hanging or flying your flags:

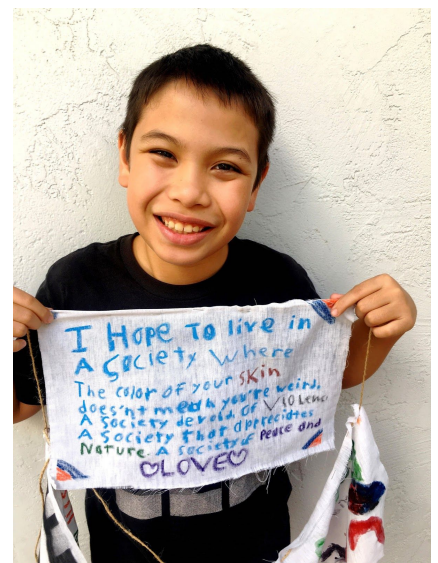
- on your door
- in front of your house
- on your street
- at your school/office/place of worship
- on your car
- or surprise us – be creative!

Step 7: Document and share

We would love to see your hope flags! SHARE/POST photos of your flags and events online using the hashtag #myhopeourhope2020 and #unstoppablevoters. You can also email us at myhopeourhope@gmail.com.

WHO MADE THIS TOOLKIT?

My Hope Our Hope was organized by Desiree Aspiras. Feel free to send questions to myhopeourhope@gmail.com



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