

Advocacy/Justice Groups in St. Louis

Group Name and Website	Type of Group	Local, Regional and/or National	Started	Vision/Mission	Miscellaneous
Alliance for Healthy Communities (AHC) ahc-stl.org	C	Local	2012	Engage the community to reduce youth substance abuse and risks of suicide by raising awareness and changing community norms.	
American Association of University Women https://www.aauw.org	W	National	1881	To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.	
American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri https://www.aclu-mo.org	CC	Local	1920	To defend civil liberties and the principles of equality and justice in Missouri through litigation, legislative and public education programs.	
Anti-Racist Collective – ARC https://www.facebook.com/ARCSTL	R	Local		To become a force for mutual work among whites doing anti-racist organizing in ongoing, multiracial, multinational movement-building.	
Arch City Defenders, Inc. www.archcitydefenders.org	L	Local	2009	To provide holistic legal advocacy and combat the criminalization of poverty and state violence against poor people and people of color.	
Better Together STL www.bettertogetherstl.com	C	Local		We support the St. Louis region by acting as a catalyst for the removal of governmental, economic, and racial barriers to the region's growth and prosperity for all of our citizens by promoting unity, trust, efficiency, and accountability.	

Beyond Jobs beyondjobs.com	PF	National	2013	Irregular workers <i>could</i> progress to skills, stability and better earnings. It would be good for employers if they did. But labor markets need to improve.	
CAIR https://www.cair.com	CL & I	Local & Regional	1994	To enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.	
CAPCR – Coalition Against Police Crimes & Repression capcr-stl.org	PR	Local	1983	To end police crimes and abuse; end the criminalization of a generation; and expose the prison industrial complex.	
Casa De Salud https://casadesaludstl.org	I & M	Local	2010	To facilitate and deliver high quality clinical and mental health services for uninsured and underinsured patients, focusing on new immigrants and refugees who encounter barriers to accessing other sources of care.	
Chris Crass www.chriscrass.org	W	National	2008	To build powerful working class-based, feminist, multiracial movements for collective liberation.	
Colorlines https://www.colorlines.com	R	National	1981	To provide a daily news site where race matters, featuring award-winning investigative reporting and news analysis. Colorlines is published by <u>Race Forward</u> , a national organization that advances racial justice through research, media and practice.	

Cowry Collective cowrycollective.org	C	Local	2007	To provide a network of people engaged in reciprocal exchange of services, skills, and goods through a timebank where the currency is an hour of time for everyone.	
Dress for Success https://midwest.dressforsuccess.org	PR	Local	1998	To empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.	
Defendhers defendhers.weebly.com	W	Local		Non-partisan organization for women and their allies aiming to empower the St. Louis community in the fight for social justice, people of color, LGBTQIA individuals, those with diverse religious convictions, those with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged and survivors of sexual assault.	
Diversity Awareness Partnerships dapinclusive.org	D	Local	2001	DAP is a catalyst to increase awareness, facilitate engagement and provide education about diversity and inclusion.	
Everyday Feminism https://everydayfeminism.com	W	Local, Regional & National	2012	To help people dismantle everyday violence, discrimination, and marginalization through applied intersectional feminism and to create a world where self-determination and loving communities are social norms through compassionate activism.	

Forward Through Ferguson https://forwardthroughferguson.org	R	Local	2014	We believe St. Louis can become a region that is Racially Equitable—a state in which life outcomes are no longer predictable by race.	
Forward Together in Action https://twitter.com/fwdtogetherstl		Local/ Regional	2016	Forward Together in Action is a positive group of women and men bonded together in action around five key areas: 1 Calls/Meetings/Marches 2 Financial Support of Causes 3 Support of Political Candidates 4 Safety and Inclusion Efforts (Human Rights) 5 Rural Outreach	
Girls in the Know girlsintheknow.org	W	Local	2009	To educate and empower girls, together with those who love them, by providing tools to establish a strong sense of self.	
Gateway Housing First and Places for People https://gatewayhousingfirst.org	C	Local		To provide safe, decent, affordable, supported housing for individuals with a wide range of disabilities, complex disorders and life situations who struggle to secure or maintain housing.	
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis https://www.hccstl.com	I & PR	Local	1982	To improve business opportunities for Hispanic firms and professionals thereby improving the economic development of the St. Louis region.	
Hands Up United www.handsupunited.org	R	Local	2014	Collective of politically engaged minds building towards the liberation of oppressed Black, Brown and poor people through education, art, civil disobedience, advocacy and agriculture.	

Home Sweet Home homesweethomestl.org	C	Local		The mission of Home Sweet Home is to give families a sense of pride and to improve the quality of their lives by providing basic household furnishings.	
Human Rights Campaign St. Louis https://www.hrc.org	LG	Local & National	1980	To inspire and engage individuals and communities, HRC strives to end discrimination against LGBTQ people and realize a world that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.	
Indivisible STL https://www.facebook.com/IndivisibleSt.Louis		Local/Regional	2017	We are a registered chapter of Indivisible (www.indivisibleguide.com) and coordinate participation in regular actions to encourage our Senators and Representatives to resist Trump's agenda.	
Indivisible STL Resist https://www.facebook.com/indivisiblestlresist		Local		Connect with Indivisible St. Louis to stay informed, take action and move forward with area progressives.	
Immigrant & Refugee Women's Program www.irwp.net	I & W	Local	1995	To increase the independence and reduce the isolation of immigrant and refugee women by teaching them basic English and practical living skills in the security of their own homes.	
Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis	F	Local	1985	Understanding, respect and appreciation among all persons across lines of religious difference.	
International Institute St. Louis https://www.iistl.org	I	Local & National	1919	To help immigrants and their families be productive Americans and to champion ethnic diversity as a cultural and economic strength.	

Latinos en Axion Stl https://www.facebook.com/LatinosEnAxionStl	I	Local	2013	To promote humane and just immigration reform and build alliances at the local, regional, national and international levels.	Grassroots group
League of Women Voters www.lwvstl.org	P & W	Local	1920	To encourage the informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.	
Living Insights Center www.livinginsights.com	F	Local	2008	To create understanding and appreciation of the diversity of our world's religious and spiritual traditions as we honor and nurture the spiritual journey and beliefs of each individual.	
Lydia's House https://www.lydiashouse.org	W	Local	1995	To work in faith to end domestic violence by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children.	
Metropolitan Congregation United St. Louis https://mcustlouis.org	F	Local	1997	To foster a belief that individually and together congregations have a right and responsibility to act for the common good for the surrounding community.	
Metro Trans Umbrella Group	LG	Local & National	2015	We are a grassroots nonprofit organization that is diligently working to create a more inclusive and supportive community here in Saint Louis. Every 29 hours, a trans person is murdered. Help end the violence and bigotry by empowering our leaders and supporting our work.	

Missouri Healthcare for ALL https://missourihealthcareforall.org	H	Local	2007	To create awareness and change so that every Missourian deserves access to quality, affordable health care, no matter where they live or how much money they make.
Missouri Jobs with Justice www.mojwj.org	E	Local		To build an economy and democracy that works for all of us.
Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment www.organizemo.org	C	Local	2010	To transcend divisions of class, age and race and envision and build a more just, sustainable world in which to live.
Missouri Women Veterans https://www.facebook.com	W & V	Local	2012	To educate women veterans that they have equitable access to federal and state Veterans' services. The Missouri Women Veterans Program is a component of Missouri Veterans Commission.
Mobilize Missouri https://www.mobilizemo.org		Local	2016	Mobilize Missouri aims to further progressive goals by organizing inside and outside governmental systems to influence policy and empowering volunteers.
Momentum: Moving Missouri Forward www.facebook.com/MomentumMissouri				MOmentum's goal is to support citizen action with a progressive vision in order to build stronger, healthier, more just communities. Our action/affinity groups address local, state, and national issues of concern to our community.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America https://momsdemandaction.org	G & W	National	2012	To educate, motivate and mobilize supporters to take action that will result in stronger laws and policies to save lives affected by gun violence.	
MOPAG (Missouri Progressive Action Group) mopag.org		Local	2011	a network of activists anxious to influence public debate about issues of vital importance to Missouri and the nation.	
MoveOn.org https://front.moveon.org	C	National	1998	To envision a world marked by equality, sustainability, justice, and love whether it's supporting a candidate, fighting to pass legislation or working to change our culture.	
NARAL – Pro-Choice Missouri https://prochoicemissouri.org	H & W	Local & National	1969	To advocate for every woman who should be able to make personal decisions about the full range of reproductive health options.	
National Conference for Community & Justice www.nccjstl.org	CC	Local & National	1927	To promote inclusion for all people.	
National Council of Jewish Women https://www.ncjw.org	F & W	National	1893	Inspired by Jewish values, to strive for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and to safeguard individual rights and freedoms.	Grassroots
National Women’s Political Caucus www.nwpc.org	PL & W	National	1971	To identify, recruit, train and support women candidates for elected and appointed office under an umbrella of a pro-choice, multi-partisan and grassroots organization.	

Planned Parenthood https://www.plannedparenthood.org	H & W	National	1916	To educate and empower communities, provide quality health care, lead the reproductive rights movement, and advance global health. Planned Parenthood believes sexual and reproductive health rights are basic rights.
PROMO https://promoonline.org	LG & C	Local	1986	To advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender equality through legislative action, electoral politics, grassroots organizing, and community education in MO.
OCA St. Louis Chapter (Advocate) http://www.oca-stl.org/	I	Local & National	1973	To advance the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.
Organization for Black Struggle https://www.obs-stl.org	R	Regional	1998	To build a movement that fights for political empowerment, economic justice and the cultural dignity of the African-American community, especially the Black working class.
Ready by 21 St. Louis readyby21stl.org		Local		Strengthen our regions ability to support children and youth.
RESULTS www.results.org	PL	Local & National		RESULTS is a movement of passionate, committed everyday people. Together they use their voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty.
Saint Louis Palestine Solidarity Committee https://www.stl-psc.org	I	National	2009	To organize against Israeli Apartheid and the Israeli occupation including the struggle for equal rights, freedom, and security for all peoples of historic Palestine.

Show me 15 https://fightfor15.org/showme15	E	Local	2013	To support Missouri fast-food workers who have come together to fight for fair wages and the right to form a union without retaliation.	
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) www.showingupforracialjustice.org	R	Local & National		To organize groups and individuals for racial justice and the elimination of white supremacy in institutions, the economy and in our culture.	
Sisters and Allies: Questions, Challenges & Humor About Women and Race https://www.facebook.com/events	R & W	Local	2015	To help women heal and remain whole.	
Small Deeds Done https://smalldeedsdone.com		Local/Regional	2016	We can work together in small ways to make a big difference	
Solidarity Economy St. Louis https://www.solidaritystl.org/	E	Local	2014	To foster a network of groups and individuals striving to build and grow a “solidarity economy;” that is, an economy that embodies the values of justice, sustainability, self-determination, and cooperation while resisting the notion of “every person for themselves.”	
Springboard to Learning www.springboardstl.org		Local	1965	Springboard to Learning develops children's abilities to think critically, create, collaborate and communicate. Our programs directly support school curriculum and are designed to ignite a passion for learning.	

<p>The Sweet Potato Project</p> <p>http://sweetpotatoprojectstl.org/</p>	<p>E</p>	<p>Local & regional</p>	<p>2012</p>	<p>To restore economic activity in North St. Louis by creating alternative and progressive ways of producing and distributing locally grown products and to teach young men and women sustainable business and entrepreneurial skills that can change their lives.</p>	
<p>White Nonsense Roundup</p> <p>https://whitenonsenseroundup.com</p>	<p>R</p>	<p>Local</p>	<p>2016</p>	<p>To call out white friends, relatives, contacts, speakers, and authors who are contributing to structural racism and harming our friends of color.</p>	
<p>White Privilege Conference</p> <p>https://www.whiteprivilegeconference.com</p>	<p>R</p>	<p>Local & Regional</p>	<p>1999</p>	<p>To provide a challenging, collaborative and comprehensive experience that empowers and equips individuals to work for equity and justice through self and social transformation.</p>	
<p>Witnessing Whiteness</p> <p>http://www.ywcastlouis.org/site/c.eKSIbOWIkj8H/b.9510305/k.66FE/Witnessing_Whiteness.htm</p>	<p>R</p>	<p>Local</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>To provide a space for white people to discuss racism using the book of the same name in 10 sessions.</p>	
<p>Women's Foundation of Greater St. Louis</p> <p>www.wfstl.org</p>	<p>W</p>	<p>Local</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>To improve the lives of women and girls in the St. Louis region.</p>	
<p>Women in Transition</p> <p>www.cwitstl.org</p>	<p>W & L</p>	<p>Local</p>	<p>1997</p>	<p>To assist women in the criminal justice system because change is possible.</p>	

<p>Women’s Voices Raised for Social Justice</p> <p>http://womensvoicesraised.org/</p>	<p>W</p>	<p>Local</p>	<p>2005</p>	<p>To identify, research and discuss critical issues. To mobilize, energize and inspire ourselves and others to action. To work as individuals and in community for social justice.</p>	
<p>Youth Undoing Institutional Racism</p> <p>https://www.afsc.org/key-issues/issue/youth-undoing-institutional-racism</p>	<p>R</p>	<p>Regional</p>	<p>2012</p>	<p>To build peaceful school communities as part of a larger, youth-led effort to change institutions that expose young people to violence, limit economic opportunities, and provide disparate access to resources.</p>	

Group Type Abbreviations

CL	Civil Liberties
C	Community
D	Diversity
E	Economy
F	Faith
G	Gun Violence
H	Healthcare
I	Immigration/Int’l
L	Legal
LG	LGBTQ+
M	Mental Health
PR	Policy Reform
PF	Professional
R	Racial Justice
V	Veterans