Welcome to #S404
Preserving the Spark: Challenges in Archiving Activist Movements

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For the following statements,

**Green:** Yes  **Yellow:** Maybe/Sometimes  **Red:** Nope

1. I have connections with an individual activist or activist groups within my organization or community
2. I know how to advocate for an activist or activists group documentation project
3. My organization would give me resources to support an activist documentation project
4. I have the cultural competency to document activist groups in or around my organization or community
5. I am actively engaging in the decolonization of archives and archivists
6. It is my responsibility to ensure activism is adequately included in the archival record
7. I feel capable of capturing voices that might actively make current members of my community and/or institution uncomfortable
8. I feel comfortable with complex projects in which living contributors are actively involved in how they are being represented
Group time

- Break into circles of 6-8
- Each circle will take ownership of itself
- We ask one person in each circle to volunteer to take notes – but of course participants can go off the record
- Feel free to add to https://goo.gl/ApmFfq
- Session leaders are roving around, listening, contributing, answering questions
- Encourage you to move beyond descriptions, using prompts to dig into personal, professional, institutional struggles
- We would love groups to collate their notes, share with each other, help grow this community

Marchers on the way to the Board of Education, June 24, 1963, courtesy of Los Angeles Public Library via DPLA
Discussion prompts

• Describe an institutional roadblock you face or have faced in documenting activism.
• Describe a professional roadblock you face or have faced in documenting activism.
• Describe a personal roadblock you face or have faced in documenting activism.
• What are you afraid of? What could or has gone wrong in your efforts, institutionally, professionally or personally?
• What strategies have you used to engage the roadblock or fear you described?
• What is an example of a strategy that proved successful?
• What is an example of a strategy that was less successful?
What’s next?

Take five minutes to put your thoughts right now on paper:

• Questions that linger or went unasked
• Conversation points you didn’t get to make
• Words or topics not fully understood
• Reactions to others’ comments, agree or disagree
• Topics to research or read more about
• Points that you loved
• Points that bugged you
• What did you learn today that can guide research, conversations, actions moving forward?