

### Overview

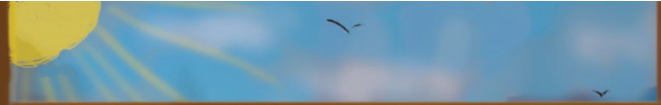
While you are here, you will learn about:

- What racism is and why it is bad;
- What direct action is and how people use it to fight against racism; and
- How you can take direct action to end racism.

### What is direct action?

Have you heard of a boycott? Have you ever seen a protest on TV? Have you participated in a march? Well then, you understand direct action! Direct action is a way to use a community's resources, talents, and skills to address a problem that makes your life hard. Direct actions include boycotts, strikes, sit-ins, marches, demonstrations, social media campaigns, letter writing campaigns, and other public forms of protest. You can use your imagination, talents, and energy to engage in direct action to help end racism and make the world a better place.

This exhibition centers YOU and children like you. It lets you play and imagine how you want to make the world a better place.



### Pilot Exhibition Collaborators

The exhibition pilot was developed by Derute Consulting Cooperative with support from Black Child Development Institute, the Milwaukee County Office of Equity, The City of Milwaukee Office of Early Childhood, and Embrace Improve Empower LLC. The exhibition pilot is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Milwaukee Area Technical College and the Milwaukee County Office of Equity.

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Welcome to the

# Magical Black Tears EXPERIENCE!

When you enter the exhibition, please:

1. Remove your shoes and place them in one of the available cubbies;
2. Put on available footies for your comfort;
3. If you would like, put on an available mask;
4. Sign in using the QR code or a clipboard;

We're glad you're here and we hope you enjoy your experience!

This guide provides an overview of the exhibition and includes information about each of the areas you will play, create, and learn in while you're here. It also includes some guidelines for enjoying the exhibition experience and allowing others to do the same.



## Exhibition Area 1: What in the World? Living and Learning Room

**What in the World? The Living and Learning Room** is a multi-media library and storytelling center. Pull up a pillow, grab a book, or listen to a conversation or lecture to learn about racism and explore steps everyday people take to fight it. Here's a few ideas to get you started:

- **Listen** to or **read the** book *Magical Black Tears: A Protest Story*
- **Watch** the video of the Magical Black Tears story
- **Explore** other stories of protest and social change
- **Ask** questions and **discuss** issues that you believe are important



## Exhibition Area 2: Express Yourself! Tools for Protest Creation Station

Make your own protest tools! In the **Express Yourself! Tools for Protest Creation Station** you can use your artistic genius to make tools to express your opinions about problems you want to solve. These tools can be anything you can imagine. To make sure your message is heard, you can:

- **Design** and **make** protest signs, pictures, art, megaphones or other objects
- **Use** your protest tools in Exhibit Area 3: Speak up!



## Exhibition Area 3: Speak Up! Voices for Justice

How is your community impacted by racism? What ideas do you have for how to create change? What are some actions you think need to happen to end racism? Let us hear it!

- **Take center stage**, step up to the podium, and **speak up** for justice!
- **Write** and **perform** speeches.
- **Use** the props you made from Exhibit Area 2: Express Yourself!



## Exhibition Area 4: Rumpus Room: Working Together to Solve Problems

Work together! The Magical Black Tears Rumpus Room invites you to think about how you work together to solve problems. Come play, collaborate, and innovate together. Pick out a puppet and act out a scenario. Engage in a game with someone. Work on a puzzle. The choice is yours, just be sure to have fun!

- **Play** with puppets
- **Act out** a puppet scenario or make up your own scenario
- **Participate** in a game with someone
- **Engage** and collaborate with others



## Exhibition Area 5: Let's Build! Building Just Futures

This space invites you to play, imagine, and build a better world! What will your community look like in a more racially just future? Build

it! Be sure to **take a picture** of whatever you build and share it with us by adding #magicalblacktears on your social media posts.

- **Work together** to design a community
- **Build** a neighborhood
- **Imagine** the possibilities



## Exhibition Area 6: Growing Magical Dreams Garden

Taking direct action, protesting, and fighting for racial justice is exhausting. Gardens are places of reflection, nourishment, healing, and connection. In this quiet area, take the time to restore yourself and dream. Stretch. Close your eyes and meditate. Use a notecard to write or draw how you feel and what you learned from the exhibition. Finally, we'd love for you to plant a flower in our garden that represents your wildest dreams and hopes for the future. Choose a flower available here or design your own in the Tools for Protest station.

- **Dream** and **enjoy** a quiet moment
- **Plant** seeds
- **Harvest** fruits and vegetables
- **Choose** or create a flower to plant in the Growing Magical Dreams Garden
- **Write** a note on a notecard about your dream
- **Attach** the notecard to your flower
- **Plant** the flower in the garden