



# Decentralized organizing in moments of crisis



## RESOURCES FOR SELF ORGANIZING

### Big Picture:

- [THE STAGES OF SELF ORGANIZING](#): How do we build grassroots, decentralized mass movements that can quickly scale up to address immediate basic needs while fighting for long term social transformation? Find the worksheet [here](#).
- [DECENTRALIZED ORGANIZING: AN OVERVIEW](#) - [Video 45:00-1:00:00] [here](#)
- Not used to organizing in networks? Working with others who aren't? This [chart](#) helps explain why networks for a moment like this.

### Communication Tools:

- DIGITAL TOOLS: What kinds of digital tools can we use to self organize? Find a spreadsheet with a lot of tools and information [here](#).
- WHICH TOOLS?: Identify which tools to use for different moments of the self organizing cycle. Find a handout [here](#). Use [this worksheet](#) to help identify your particular needs.

### Decision Making and Accountability.

- Set principles early to help clarify the boundaries of your network. Find a worksheet [here](#). Example Disaster Response Principles can be found [here](#). Feel free to use part or all of these.

- Find different decision-making models for a network [here](#). Use [this worksheet](#) to help design decision making processes for your network.

### **A few last things**

- Think about the [Collective Infrastructure](#) needed to support a movement network.
- Think about your [circles of connection](#) here and find this [updated resource](#) adapted for this situation.
- What should we prepare for? We often see similar cycles in movements like these. It can be helpful to know where we are in the cycle, and plan accordingly. Find out more [here](#) and a worksheet [here](#).



*[Movement Netlab](#) is a grassroots “think & do tank” founded by movement veterans from The Movement For Black Lives, Occupy Sandy Hurricane Relief Effort, and Occupy Wall Street. The Occupy Sandy effort, according to many observers (including The US Department of Homeland Security), was one of the most successful civilian led disaster relief efforts in US History.*