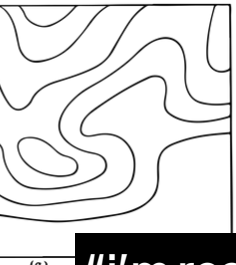
HOW TO BUILD A LIBRARY & SPACE TO BREATHE

pathways to action

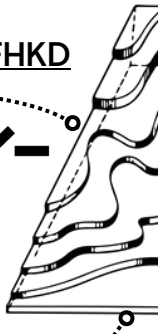
First and next steps in exploring the histories and futures of our local libraries, and decolonising our institutions.



"i'm ready to get started!" (5 minutes)

- [ ] Join your local library: it's harder to shut them down if we show how valuable they are to us! bit.ly/3KGalfi
- [ ] Browse this list of things you can do at your library – it's not just books! Access language classes, academic articles, activities for children, and more. bit.ly/46ZFHKD

"let's dive in!" (20 mins–couple hours)



- [ ] Borrow a book from your local library, or use a resource or service from the above list that you haven't before.
- [ ] Discover the story of a well-known Highland surname. Why is a Harlem Renaissance poet from Jamaica called Claude McKay? Explore the family tartan at Strathnaver Museum and intergenerational legacies of slavery with this worksheet: bit.ly/48Usp4B
- [ ] Listen to this podcast episode on decolonising Scottish Highland history with Michael Newton, a Celtic studies and Gaelic scholar: bit.ly/3KCtNyV

email a photo of your checklist – doesn't have to be completed – to info@takeoneaction.org.uk to enter a prize draw!

"i'd like to read more!"

- ARTICLE: 'Building Abolition from Scotland's history of resistance to the prison' by John Moore bit.ly/4nGivYH
- BOOK: 'Brick by Brick: How We Build a World Without Prisons' by Cradle Community
- BOOK, FORTHCOMING: 'But We Did: Dismantling Colonialist Myths Towards Collective Liberation' by Titilayo Farukuoye

"things to listen to?"

- 'Taking Root: Scotland's Green Libraries': a podcast celebrating libraries' essential role in tackling climate crisis. bit.ly/46rls70
- 'Harm, Punishment, and Abolition with Mariame Kaba' on Finding Our Way podcast bit.ly/46xEkCL

"more things to watch please!"

- 'The Quilters' on Netflix – a short doc about inmates at a maximum-security prison in Missouri sewing beautiful, personalised quilts for foster children.

"let's keep exploring!"

- Explore more resources and activity sheets on Museum of the Highlands' 'Uncover colonialism and the legacies of slavery' page: bit.ly/46Zd7sl