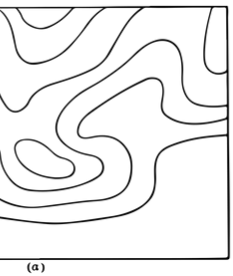

HOW TO BUILD A LIBRARY & SPACE TO BREATHE

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/4nl19KE
- [ ] Find out what you can do at Dundee's many libraries – it's not just books! Access sewing classes, academic articles, toys & activities for children, and more. bit.ly/4hBp3G1

"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!
- [ ] Share your community's stories and knowledge. Record a conversation with someone interesting, photograph changes in the area, or gather ephemera from events you've organised. If you already have these, consider sharing them with the Local History Centre. bit.ly/4opFtDW
- [ ] Explore Dundee's relationship to the slave trade with 'Breaking the Chains', a worksheet and self-directed walking tour through the city. bit.ly/47hFhkb
- [ ] Visit Cooper Gallery for British Kenyan artist Grace Ndiritu's free exhibition, 'Compassionate Rebels in Action', and accompanying event series exploring radical spirituality, pedagogy, social justice, and decolonisation. bit.ly/3LeS0M0

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
- BOOK: 'Empire, Industry and Class: The Imperial Nexus of Jute, 1840-1940' by Anthony Cox
- ARTICLE: 'Museums ignore recommendations on colonialism' by Aileen Lees bit.ly/4oh1dBR

"things to listen to"

- 'Taking Root: Scotland's Green Libraries': a podcast celebrating libraries' essential role in tackling climate crisis. bit.ly/46rIs70
- '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!"

- Get involved with an alternative library with MAXwell Centre's Gardening Tool and Seed Library bit.ly/47EFoFt