

## BUILDING A NARRATIVE STRATEGY FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Achieving economic justice will require us to tell different stories about why poor people are poor and how the rich got—and stay—rich. This worksheet will help you think through a narrative strategy to help you work toward economic justice without causing further harm to those whom poverty affects the most.

- 1 What change are you working toward, or what condition are you working to change?
- 2 Who is in a position to make that change?
- 3 What would they believe if they were taking action?
- 4 Where is their attention now?
- 5 What are some of the widely shared and widely believed narratives that uphold the status quo?
- 6 What kinds of stories show the falsehoods in these widely shared narratives?
- 7 Who is your story about? Do you have their permission to share their story for your intended purpose?
- 8 Do your stories feature characters as complex and multidimensional individuals who contribute to our world beyond their paid labor? Do they display the complexity of the human experience, including aspects of who they are outside of their poverty?



### Resources:

Othering and Belonging Institute. (March 26, 2018). "The Battle of the Narratives: Organizing for Transformative Change." [Audio].

<https://belonging.berkeley.edu/audio-battle-narratives>

The Opportunity Agenda (2015). "Telling a New Story: A Collaborative Checklist for Social Justice Leaders Using Narrative Strategies for Change." <https://www.opportunityagenda.org/explore/resources-publications/telling-new-story>