

Joy in the work of acquisitions:

How we make it through tomorrow

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Agenda

- Land acknowledgement
- Background/positionality statement
- Things I've learned from the prison abolition movement:
 - Hope
 - Solidarity
 - Forgiveness
 - A sense of playfulness
- Personal lessons
- Activity and wrap up

Background/positionality statement



“Abolition requires that we change one thing, which is everything. When one says prison abolition, one cannot be talking about only prison It’s building the future from the present in all the ways we can.”

—Ruth Wilson Gilmore

Hope

“Hope is essential to any political struggle for radical change when the overall social climate promotes disillusionment and despair.”

Talking about a revolution : interviews with Michael Albert, Noam Chomsky, Barbara Ehrenreich, Bell Hooks, Peter Kwong, Winona LaDuke, Manning Marable, Urvashi Vaid, and Howard Zinn. (1998). South End Press.

Solidarity



Forgiveness



A sense of playfulness

