

Building a CAN Chapter at your Campus

1. Create a Call Out and announce the formation of a Campus Antifascist group or club. Call the group CAN (Campus Antifascist Network). This is to ensure uniformity across campuses and assure that no branch is isolated. Reach out to all potential groups on campus who are most vulnerable to fascists---Black Student Unions, LGBTQ, Sanctuary Campus groups, indigenous groups, Latinx student groups, feminists, Muslim groups, as well as academic units, like Ethnic Studies, that may feel vulnerable. Also reach out to community groups, including a variety of trade unions across professions.

2. Publicize the Call Out widely. Print posters with the CAN graphic from the website, clearly marking date/time/venue of the meeting. Make sure you put up these posters all around campus and in nearby cafes, public libraries etc. Bring to the meeting the CAN Mission Statement, CAN's Solidarity Statement with Charlottesville, and the Anti-Fascism Syllabus. Use these to tell the history of the group and its rapid growth: from 40 to 300 academics and more than 1,500 members on the FB page. Show people the CAN Website and Facebook page. Ask people to join CAN and show them how to do it.

3. Assess local conditions for building an Antifascist group. Are there any existing Antifascist formations to collaborate with? Are there community groups you should be working with? Assess the local presence of fascists/neo-Nazis/white supremacists on campus or in your community. Study them and keep track of any attempted local actions. You may want to develop a rapid response team to react to fascist incidents and meetings or attacks on individuals.

4. Schedule a Teach In, Workshop or Reading group on fascism to educate your members. The CAN Syllabus has many good readings and be found at: www.campusantifascistnetwork.com/resources/

5. Check to see if anyone on your faculty is already a CAN member, if so invite them to be part of the Teach In. If not, approach faculty who might be sympathetic to an Antifascist teach-in and request they lead one.

6. Be public in your organizing work, but organize independently of the University administration. You may not want to become an official student group if that curbs your ability to organize.

7. Schedule a separate meeting to discuss security and self-defense. Use the Charlie Post document as a guideline for discussion. Assess what tactics/strategies are most likely to work given local conditions if fascists come to campus. Discuss the most secure ways to communicate within the branch.

8. If right-wing activism is already dominant on your campus and you fear disruption, take the following steps:

1. Make plans with other antifascists before the first meeting to determine how you will handle a confrontation.
2. Ask a sympathetic a faculty member or members to the first meeting. Fascists are less likely to act out if faculty are visibly present. Understand that tenured faculty often have more freedom and leverage. If you'd need to approach a faculty member who has not approached you first, take this into consideration.

9. Send information about your club/group to the CAN Network for posting at the website: cannetwork.fighttheh8@gmail.com