Organizations That Advocate for Cultural Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice

**Challenge Islamphobia** is a project of Teaching for Change. Challenge Islamphobia features lesson plans for educators that focus on the root causes of Islamphobia, rather than teaching specific details of the Islamic faith. The lesson plans are designed for anyone to implement and does not require a specialization in Islamic studies. The lesson plans encourage learners to think of Islamphobia as a form of racism.

**Recommended Resources:**
Lesson Plan - [Who Benefits from Islamphobia?](#)
Lesson Plan - [What is Islamphobia?](#)

**The Children’s Defense Fund (CDF)** is an organization based out of Washington D.C. that advocates for equity among all children. Their mission is to ensure that every child has “a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, and a Moral Start in life”. Special attention is given to poor children, children of color, and children with disabilities. The CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investments before they get sick, drop out of school, get into trouble or suffer family breakdown.

**Recommended Resource:**
The State of America’s Children 2017

**Colorin Colorado** is a bilingual (English/Spanish) website that offers resources to families and educators in English and Spanish to support English Language Learners. Resources range from information on how to support English Language Learners in the classroom to raising bilingual children for parents.

**Recommended Resources:**
ELL Resources by Grade
Teaching English Language Learners: What the Research Does and Does Not Say

**Ed Change** offers resources, trainings, and consultation services on culturally responsive pedagogy for schools and communities. Ed change advocates for educational equity and social justice. Ed Change also developed an initiative called Equity Literacy. Equity Literacy was designed to help us identify ways in which another individual’s educational access and opportunities are distributed unfairly based on their race, class, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, language, and/or other factors.

**Recommended Resources:**
Five Approaches to Social Justice Activism
Stages of Anti-Poverty and Anti-Classist Consciousness
How Schools' "Achievement Gap" Initiatives Often Recreate Economic Injustice
Educational Equity Case Studies

Note: The links to the websites and resources are underlined
Edutopia operates as a division of the George Lucas Foundation. Edutopia offers an array of resources for educators. Specific attention should be given to the Diversity section on the site. Various articles can be found on topics such as: how to support English Language Learners, addressing poverty in schools, bullying, and welcoming immigrant students.

**Recommended Resources:**
- Honors Classes: A Need for More Diversity
- A Classroom Where Everyone Feels Welcome

Gay, Lesbian, & Straight, Education Network (GLSEN) works to ensure that LGBTQ students can learn and grow in a school environment free from bullying and harassment. GLSEN offers resources for educators such as lesson plans and toolkits intended to create a safe, inclusive and affirming classroom for all students.

**Recommended Resources:**
- Gender Terminology Guide
- Get the Facts: Realities of LGBTQ Students

Girls Incorporated (Inc.) is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to inspiring girls to be “strong, smart, and bold”. Girls Inc. prepares girls to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers. There are several Girls Inc. locations across the United States and Canada. There are currently 4 locations in the state of Florida.

**Recommended Resources:**
- 10 Things You Can Do to Encourage a Girl in STEM
- Tips for Being an Effective Mentor

The *International of Journal Multicultural Education* is a peer-reviewed open-access journal for scholars, practitioners, and students of multicultural education.

The *National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME)* is an advocate for equity and social justice. NAME offers resources such as publications to advance the discussion of equity and social justice in education.

**Recommended Resources:**
- Positive Academic Identities
- Social Justice Consciousness
- Respectful Engagement with Diverse People

The *National Black Child Development Institute*’s (NBCDI) mission “to improve and advance the quality of life for Black children and their families through education and advocacy.” NBCDI serves as a national resource agency providing programs, publications, advocacy and trainings related to early childhood care and education; health and wellness; literacy and family engagement.

**Recommended Resource:**
- Being Black Is Not A Risk Factor

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National Equity Project offers tools and resources to support equity in education. National Equity Project also offers professional development opportunities for leaders of school districts as well as individualized coaching services to develop leaders who will advocate for those whom have been historically underrepresented due to inequitable practices. The resources section of the site features helpful information on achieving equity in education as a leader.

**Recommended Resources:**
- Effects of Oppression on the Learners Brain
- Constructivist Listening

Social Justice Books offers carefully selected lists of books for children and educators, book reviews, and articles on social justice. Social Justice Books has more than 60 lists of recommended multicultural and social justice books for children, young adults, and educators.

**Recommended Resource:**
- Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Children’s Books

Teaching for Change is a nonprofit organization with a mission of providing "teachers and parents with the tools to create schools where students learn to read, write, and change the world". The site offers engaging lesson plans, tips for addressing race and diversity in the classroom, and links to educator resources.

**Teaching for Change Projects:**
- Black Lives Matter
- Civil Rights Teaching
- Teaching Central America

Teaching Tolerance is dedicated to reducing prejudice, improving intergroup relations, and promoting equality, inclusiveness, and equitable learning in the classroom. Teaching Tolerance offers free resources to teachers, counselors, administrators and other practitioners.

**Recommended Resource:**
- Cultural Practices for Anti-Bias Education
- Printable Posters

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