Facilitator Guide for the #BreakTheSilence Poster Activity

The Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement (CSLCE) decided to continue the #BreakTheSilence movement. We want students, staff, faculty, and community members to share some thoughts on a poster about a social justice issue that they were passionate about. We want participants not only to create a poster, but to Show It, Discuss It, and Act on It. Thank you for your interest in this meaningful project.

Below is how you can bring a group together and host your very own #BreakTheSilence Poster Activity.

1. Promote the event as a movement, and as a way for meaningful discussions to take place while you voice your own social justice issue on a poster.
2. Create a space preferably with round or rectangle tables (that are person to person facing.) This will help all participants feel welcome and display that their voices are being heard.
3. Place a poster and a variety of markers at each work space and have participants start creating.
4. Think about using the questions below to help guide the discussions while participants are creating their posters:
   - How do you support people who have different views from you?
   - What makes you passionate about your chosen "BreaktheSilence" issue?
   - What are your next steps?
   - What do you see as your role in social change? Why is this important?
   - What social justice actions are effective and when?
   - When is it necessary and/or appropriate to act as an ally?
   - What does "being an ally" mean to you?
   - What ways can you become involved in your local community to work toward social justice?
5. Go around the room/table and have participants share their posters and the meaning behind their creation.
6. Remember you are a facilitator. You are there for support and to answer any questions. It is imperative you stay neutral, and inform the participants that this is a safe space. All participants should listen and respect one another as this is an important skill to gain; As we may not always agree, through discussion and explanation we may at least understand.