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The Next 50 Years

Inspired by a legacy of *social justice*, leading the *movements* of today.

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Why did you select Frida Kahlo as your social justice icon?

Frida was a bisexual Mexican artist, feminista, and activist who produced a series of autobiographical canvases that dealt with everything from the consequences of the terrible injuries she suffered in a tram crash to abortion and miscarriages. Her artwork regularly contained themes of her reproductive journey, including her struggles with fertility and the devastation of learning she was unable to have children. As a queer Chicana who works in the reproductive justice movement, I find deep inspiration in Frida's

powerful artwork that continues to spark international dialogue around the nuances of diverse reproductive journeys, gender, Latinidad, and feminism — showcasing the critical role art and culture play in political activism.

Favorite Frida Kahlo quote:

"I paint flowers so they will not die."

Are there any books, documentaries, films, or articles you would recommend for others to learn more about the work of Angela Davis?

Never miss the chance to see a Frida Kahlo exhibit in person. Go visit *La Casa Azul* in Mexico City!

What social, racial, economic, or political justice issue does your social justice work address?

Reproductive Justice



When did you first become aware of/interested in Frida Kahlo?

I was very young, my mother had prints of Frida's work in our house.

Can you describe the biggest accomplishment/most gratifying moment you've had working on your issue to date?

Expanding the work of Lilith Fund and building the team that we have today. Most recently, I've been so proud of our victory with the Austin City Council to allocate \$150,000 towards practical support for Austinites seeking abortion care.

If you could have everyone in the world do one tangible thing to help advance the cause of the issue you work on, what would it be?

Donate or volunteer with your local abortion fund!

Who or what gives you the hope and motivation to keep going when you feel fear or doubt about achieving justice?

Young people using their voice — organizing walk outs, sharing their own experiences with abortion, getting their friends involved, lifting up their own stories about why social justice is important to them and their futures.

What advice do you have for those who care about social justice but don't know how or where to begin?

Reach out to people on the ground doing the work. Ask questions. Figure out where you're needed and plug in; there's more than enough work to go around and we need you!



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Who or what else inspires your work?

My mother

If you were stranded on a desert island with your social justice icon, what is the one question you would ask them?

I would just want to know all about her life — what's not written in the dozens and dozens of printed biographies. I would want to know the little things.

FUN FACTS

Are there any books, documentaries, films or articles that you would recommend for others to learn more about the work of your social justice icon?

Podcast: [*The Read*](#)

What are some of your hobbies? What do you do for fun?

I love to rock climb, drink red wine, watch cooking shows with my boo, play games, and spend time with friends and family. I also sing in a choir and have recently taken up kickboxing.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

Probably nothing because I'm an open book :)



Amanda Williams inspired by Frida Kahlo