

Local Housing Rights Defenders

Using a solution tree

Once you have used your problem tree to break down big issues, you can use your solution tree to map out ways that you can tackle the issues most important to you and defend the right to a safe place called home.

What is a solution tree?

Just like a problem tree is there to help you break down big issues, a solution tree is there to help you identify what social, political or economic changes would need to happen in order for you to see a 'big picture' goal being achieved.

When should I use a solution tree?

Changing hearts, minds and policies can seem a daunting and sometimes overwhelming task, especially when you are challenging issues that you are passionate about. Part of activism is self-care and not feeling like you are trying to single-handedly change an entire system. A solution tree is there for when you want to look at your long-term goal and give you a visual representation of what smaller changes would be needed for your goal to be achieved. This makes it much easier for you to pick out the smaller steps you can focus your time and energy on to see bigger changes.

How to I use a solution tree?

Vision

At the trunk of the tree, start with your 'vision' of the big picture solution you would like to see. Would you like to see an end to street homelessness? Every person having access to a safe home? Put it next to your trunk!

Solutions

At the roots of your tree, think about what needs to happen to see your big picture a reality. Do you need to see better laws in place? Stronger regulations for landlords? Put it in your roots!

Effects

Imagine if these changes happened. What would the effect be? Would there be an improvement in mental health? Access to more employment opportunities? Add your effects in the leaves of your tree!

Now you have mapped out your solution tree, you can look at your roots and pick out some of the smaller steps you can use your skills as a campaigner to influence!

Solution tree on next page...

Effects



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