

Cross-Movement Bridge Template

Module 4.8 — Cross-Movement Solidarity: Mapping Intersections with Adjacent Movements

The Intersectionality Bridge Principle

Most social issues connect to others at multiple points — not as metaphors but as documented causal relationships. These connections are bridges to new audiences and new power, not distractions from your core mission. The question is whether you use them intentionally or let them remain untapped.

Movement Intersection Map

Your advocacy issue: _____

Adjacent Movement	Primary Cause	Specific Intersection Point	Shared Values	Strategic Benefit	Key Tension to Navigate
Movement 1:					
Movement 2:					
Movement 3:					
Movement 4:					
Movement 5:					

Shared Language Discovery

For three of your adjacent movements, identify language that resonates across both communities without diluting either message. A bridging phrase speaks to both without requiring either side to give up their framing.

Adjacent Movement	Your Movement's Language	Their Movement's Language	Bridging Phrase (speaks to both)
Movement 1:			
Movement 2:			
Movement 3:			

Approach Design for One Adjacent Movement

Select the adjacent movement where relationship-building would have the highest strategic value:

Target movement: _____

Approach Element	Your Plan	Notes
Initiation method:		
First offer (before asking):		
Eventual ask:		

Disagreement protocol:		
6-month success definition:		

Co-optation Warning Signs

Productive solidarity is mutual benefit and shared power. Co-optation is your movement being absorbed into a larger agenda.

Warning Sign — If You See This, Reassess the Partnership

Your issue is reframed as a subset of their issue, not a peer cause

Their agenda consistently takes priority when resources are scarce

Your core constituencies aren't meaningfully represented in coalition decisions

You are expected to endorse their positions without reciprocal endorsement

Your branding and identity are subsumed by theirs in public communications