

NO COP ACADEMY TIMELINE WORKSHOP

1. Briefly introduce the campaign. (3-5 minutes)

“No Cop Academy was a 18-month-long campaign in Chicago protesting the construction of a \$95 police academy in the west side neighborhood of Garfield Park. The coalition involved over 100 local organizations, and was guided by the leadership of Black and brown youth from the south and west sides.”

2. Guide participants through the key features of the timeline and how to navigate it. (5-10 minutes)

- *Read the preface out loud together*
- *Show how arrows on the left and right sides of the screen move from item to item*
- *Note that items include two things: events from the campaign, and testimony from community members who participated*
- *The timeline in its entirety can be viewed at the bottom of the screen*
- *The magnifying glasses in bottom left hand corner allow you to zoom in and out to more easily see individual items on the timeline*

3. Break the large group into pairs or small groups, and assign each a key month from the campaign to explore on the timeline. (15-20 minutes)

4. Ask each group to share out some of the events or testimonies that stood out to them and why. Go in chronological order, and follow along with each event on the timeline. (10-15 minutes)

5. Reflect together on what the timeline shows about the campaign in its entirety, asking guiding questions. (10-15 minutes)

- *What different groups and communities got involved throughout the campaign? What were their reasons for participating?*
- *What were the different tactics employed by organizers throughout the campaign?*
- *What were some of the key targets of the campaign? How and why do you think organizers identified these targets?*
- *How did the campaign shift over time? What factors led to these shifts?*