



# Non-Profits and Activists! Yes We Can!

"Change doesn't come *from* Washington,  
it comes *to* Washington." -- Barack Obama

Let's leverage the energy of the elections into a sustainable,  
independent, grassroots movement for change.

**It's already begun.** Let Us Rise is a new kind of community. We are  
convening two kinds of transformational movement-building processes:

## 1. Let's Build a Movement: Re-orienting your group in a changed political climate

A facilitated discussion which invites you to:

- Envision the movement you are yearning to create;
- Take an honest look at the strengths you bring, as well as what weaknesses, fears & challenges you will need to overcome;
- Brainstorm how your group can work internally as well as with other groups to get there.

*If you are looking to leverage the energy of the 2008 elections into a sustainable, grassroots, independent movement for change... If you hope to re-orient your coalition or organization toward movement-building... If you are about to embark on strategic planning in this transformed political climate... this is a great way to start.*

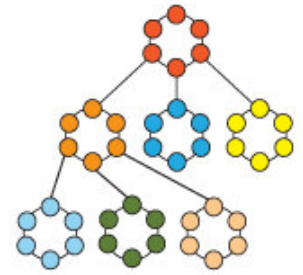
*This process honors the wisdom your group already has, and facilitates you in creating your next steps together. That means everyone – board, staff, constituents – will feel good about your new direction.*

*This process is rooted in the understanding that we can't build a movement if we stay stuck in our separate issue-based organizations or coalitions. Let Us Rise is committed to bring together people who have participated in these discussions, including members of the Colorado Progressive Coalition, Flobots.org and others – to figure out steps we can take **together** in 2009.*

## 2. What does change really look like? A Visioning Campaign

Movements are rooted in an overarching, transformative vision of what's possible. The Visioning Campaign involves everyone, from non-profits to faith communities to "ordinary folks." Instead of coming from the top down, let's create our vision for the future in a way that models the society we wish to see: holistic, honoring the wisdom of every organization and voice, and coming from the bottom up. Your visions are published at [www.letusrise.org](http://www.letusrise.org).

*A great way for your group to get in touch with what you can say "yes" to, to build community, to get your positive vision for change out to a larger audience, and to become part of a growing, unprecedented, movement-oriented coalition.*



### VISION CIRCLES

Your organization, or your friends, envision a better world. Participants then go and host a circle of their own...



### PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

People's visions coalesced into unifying document, the People's Platform.



### DEMOCRACY

Democratic process to revise and adopt People's Platform, and to determine collective action plan to implement it.



### ACTION

People Take Coordinated Action to implement People's Platform



### A BETTER COLORADO

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