

Reflecting on joy in resistance

Objective: This exercise invites you to explore the political significance of joy, celebration, and pleasure in resisting ‘anti-gender’ ideologies. By reflecting on RESIST case studies and personal experiences, you will consider how joy serves as a powerful act of defiance against fear and erasure.

Task: Using a RESIST case study or your own, analyse the role of joy in queer, feminist, trans, and LGBTIQ+ resistance. This could be a specific event, movement, or cultural practice. Consider the following questions:

- What were the key joyful moments in this case study?
- How did these moments contribute to the movement’s goals?
- What lessons can be learned from this case study that can be applied to current activism?

Case study name	Name of the event or movement
Date/period	When did it take place?
Location	Where did it occur?

Key figures	<i>Notable individuals or groups involved</i>
Context	<i>Brief description of the political/social context</i>
Key joyful moment	<i>What made it significant?</i>
Contribution to movement goal	<i>What impact did it have on participants and the cause?</i>
Application to current activism	<i>How can these insights enhance joy and resilience in your activism?</i>