



RIPPLE OF CHANGE BACKGROUNDER

About RIPPLE OF CHANGE Magazine

RIPPLE OF CHANGE is a magazine built to inspire social action by giving a voice to stories that need to be heard.

In its pages, readers are immersed through in-depth features and engaging photography, transporting them to the frontlines of humanitarian work and social change happening around the world. With every article, readers are offered ways to take action and get involved in issues surrounding the topics of **land, activism, identity, health, and education**.

The concept for RIPPLE OF CHANGE was initially conceived by two founders and friends after a trip to India in 2018.

In July 2020 the full [founding team](#) - Cicely Belle Blain, Kate Bouchard, Whitney Larson, Christy Schmid and Mel Sutjiadi - was officially formed. Together, they are committed to amplifying incredible change-makers around the world. The founders' hope is to empower readers to get involved in causes that align with their values. Whether they have five minutes, five days, or five dollars, everyone can make a difference.

The brilliance and diversity of the stories in RIPPLE OF CHANGE is made possible by a global network of [contributors](#). From Vancouver to Chicago and beyond, experienced writers, editors and artists help make the magazine dynamic and inclusive.

Issue 01 - The Year We Came Together

In 2020, a global pandemic tore us apart; we retreated to our homes, closed our borders and tried to form seemingly unnatural virtual connections. Then, the murder of George Floyd brought unforeseen global attention to the Black Lives Matter movement and systemic racism more broadly. This snowballed into a focus on injustice and humanitarian crises the world over.

Struggle, pain, and inequity roared to the surface of our collective experience. Yet, during this time, we connected with one another in ways we never had before.

It was this experience that inspired the theme for Issue 01 - **The Year We Came Together**.

Stories featured in our inaugural issue include:

- **Running for Change** - How in a monumental election year for the USA, a diverse range of candidates made history.
- **The Legacy of Loujain: Keeping Alive the Struggle of an Imprisoned Saudi Woman** - the story of Loujain Al-Hathloul, who has spent 930 days behind bars for the crime of fighting for women's liberation.
- **Gender Equity Now: Fuelling Equity through Education** - A look at how equity promises a better tomorrow for all of us, and the organizations and human changemakers fighting for the education of girls and women.
- **Surveillance, Resistance, and Black Organizing in 2020** - Black activists fight back against state surveillance.
- **Shiva Delivers** - Ancient traditions modernized: home cooked Jewish meals for a grieving community.
- **All Eyes on Mi'kma'ki: Resisting Settler Colonial Violence** - In the face of danger on water and land, Mi'kmaq fishers rise up to protect their livelihood.
- **Compassion in the Age of COVID** - From crisis rises compassion. All over the world, humans are helping each other through the pandemic.
- **Surviving a Global Pandemic and Uprising** - While the spotlight has been on physical health, how can we ensure our mental health is equally cared for?

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