



**The
Revolutionary
Love Project**

2024 Impact Report



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A Note from Valarie Kaur

Beloved Community,

As we reflect on this year, I am filled with gratitude for all that we have built together. In a time of relentless crises, the Revolutionary Love Project has stayed rooted in our core mission: to center love as a force for justice, healing, and transformation.

This year, we brought the message of Revolutionary Love to life in ways that have left an indelible mark on communities across the country. Our Revolutionary Love Bus Tour traveled to 44 cities, from bustling urban centers to small towns tender with the scars of racial trauma. At each stop, we witnessed the power of storytelling, music, art, and ancestral wisdom to inspire hearts and build communities of care. We equipped thousands of people with practical tools for courageous action. The tour was more than a series of events—it was a movement of belonging, healing, and courage.

Our team is now led by three phenomenal women of color - Harini Padmanaban, Ashley Torres, and Anusha Mehar. Under their leadership, we expanded our programs to meet the growing demand for our tools and training. We equipped thousands of students, educators, activists, parents, and community leaders in our workshops and courses. We launched new initiatives to support families, parents, and teachers in homes and schools. We convened dialogues that bridged divides and created spaces where those in disagreement could see one another as human. We amplified voices for justice and equity on the frontlines of social justice movements. In every breath, we showed that our liberation is bound together.

All year, I saw the power of joy as a source of resilience. While on tour across the country, our bus became a world of its own—a model of what our whole world can be. Through long days and tight quarters, we sang, danced, held each other, and created a true community of care. Joy sustained me: If we can achieve that spirit on a bus, I know it's possible anywhere.

None of this would have been possible without you—our community of visionaries, change-makers, and sage warriors. Your support has allowed us to dream boldly and to act decisively. Because of you, the Revolutionary Love Project is growing into its next chapter - one where the seeds we've planted will blossom into lasting change.

As we look to the future, we know the road ahead will not be easy. Yet, we are undeterred. Love gives us the courage to stand up in the face of despair, to imagine what is possible, and to labor for the world we dream together.

Today we breathe. Tomorrow we push.

With gratitude and boundless hope,



Founder and Executive Director
The Revolutionary Love Project

A Note from the Team

To Our Friends, Peers & Supporters,

As we celebrate the journey of this year, we are honored to welcome you to the 2024 Impact Report of the Revolutionary Love Project. This report reflects the deep, transformative work that Revolutionary Love inspires and enables in communities across the country.

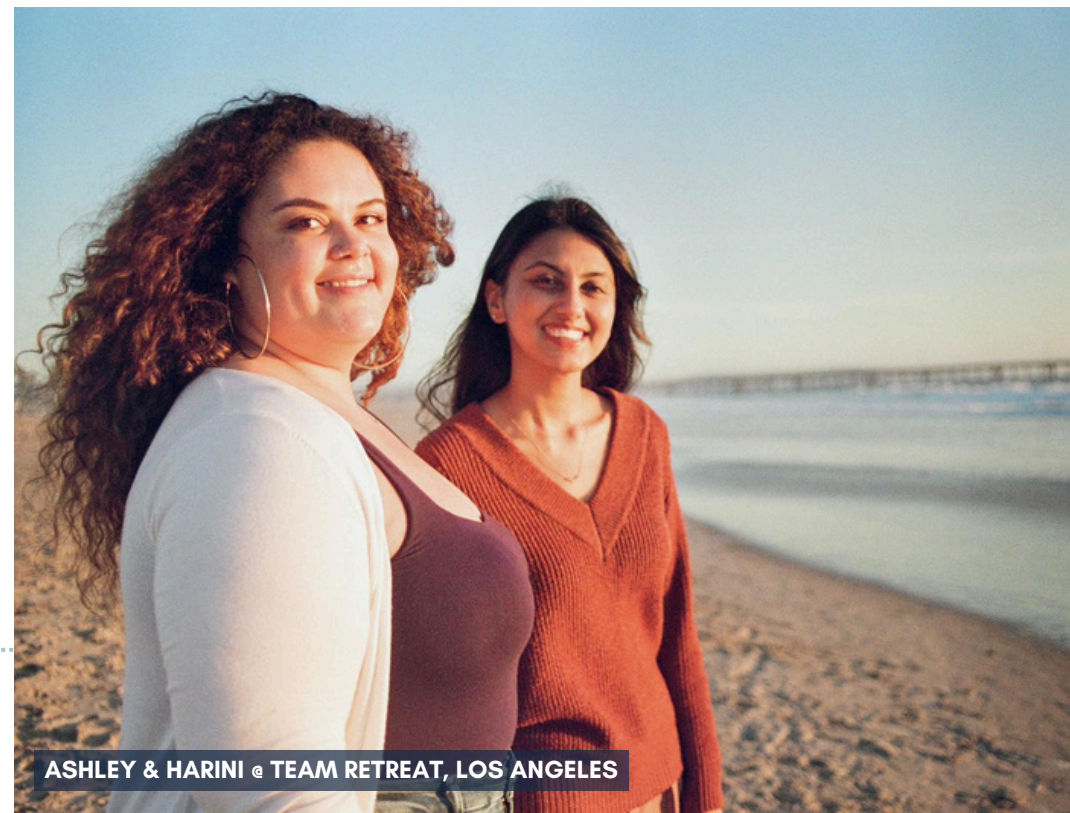
Revolutionary Love has become a bedrock for movement and community-building, offering a moral compass for leaders across sectors. Through workshops, trainings, and cultural immersions, we have coached changemakers on how to make the love ethic the foundation of their lives and movements. We are proud to see this framework adopted by leaders in education, healthcare, racial justice, climate action, and beyond—proof that Revolutionary Love is not just an idea but a tool for building power and creating tangible change.

As we look toward 2025, we are energized to deepen this work. We know the road ahead will demand courage and creativity. But we are inspired by the incredible resilience of our community, by the connections we have forged, and by the ever-expanding circle of leaders and allies who share our vision. Together, we are weaving a tapestry of love and justice that will continue to grow. Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support fuels the movement and ensures that Revolutionary Love continues to be a force for justice, healing, and transformation in the world.

In solidarity,

Ashley + Anusha + Harini

Co-Directors of the Revolutionary Love Project



Our Vision

We imagine a world where no one is outside our circle of care, and love is at the foundation of who we are, and what we do.

Our Mission

We equip individuals and communities with tools and resources to put Revolutionary Love into action.

Goals

- 1 Produce educational tools and evidence-based programming to support the practice of Revolutionary Love.

- 2 Build the capacity of individuals, families, educators, movement leaders, community leaders, organizations and communities as a whole, to apply Revolutionary Love within unique contexts.

- 3 Inspire beloved community through cultural immersion, artwork, films, music and mass mobilizations.

Key Strategies



Amplify:

Increase visibility of the Revolutionary Love Project and movement.



Educate:

Develop and distribute educational resources.



Mobilize:

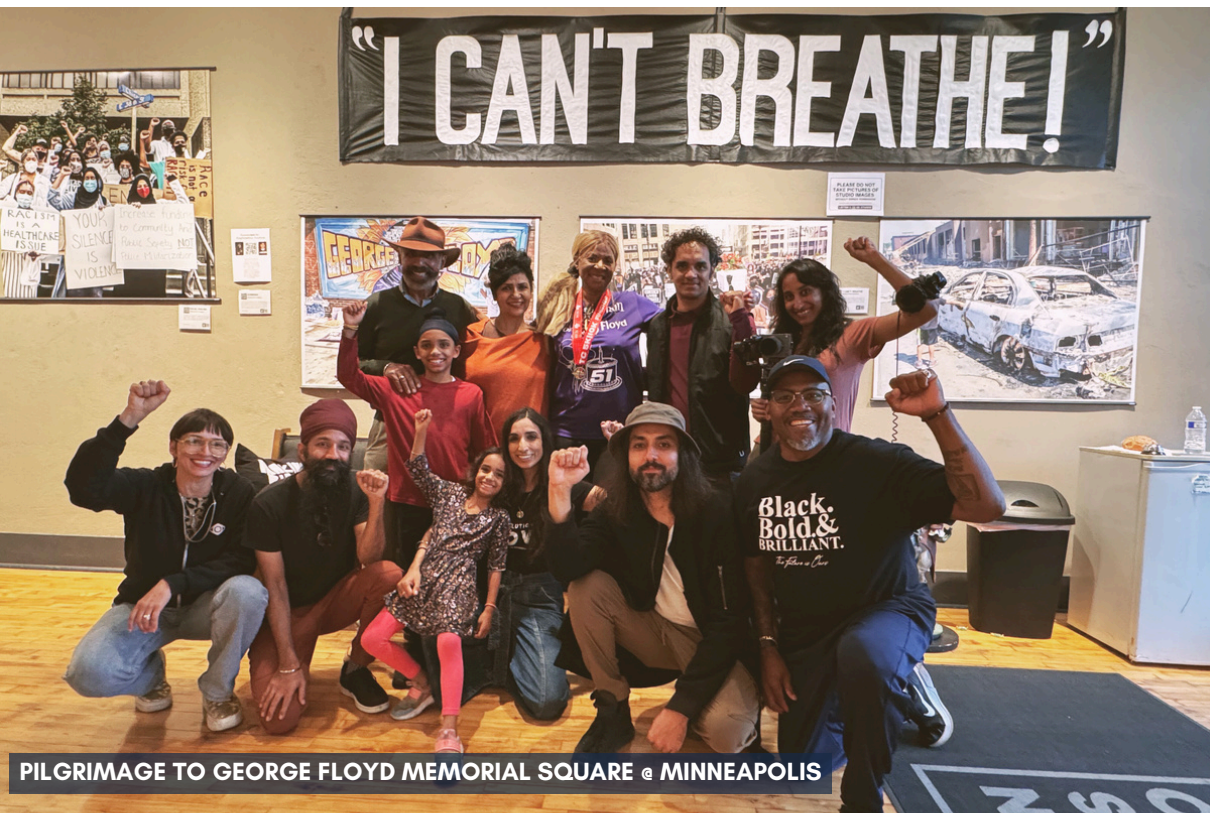
Turn empathy into action, inspiring engagement amongst audiences.



Build Community:

Grow national networks and support communities of practice

2024 in Review



PILGRIMAGE TO GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL SQUARE @ MINNEAPOLIS



THE REVOLUTIONARY LOVE COMPASS @ NOTRE DAME

**“You are creating the world you dream of
for your children and mine.”
Jennifer Rudolph Walsh**

2024 in Numbers



**60+
Events
Held**



**700+
Resources
Downloaded**



**20,000+
Participants
Registered**



**6,000,000+
Reached
Online**

Key Accomplishments in 2024



Launched Early Childhood Learning Hub: In July, we released a comprehensive hub including a guide for educators and resource for parents



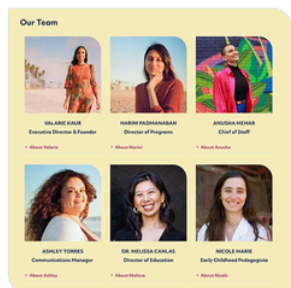
The Revolutionary Love Tour: The Revolutionary Love Bus traveled to 40+ cities across the country during the election season to energize hearts, build community, and ignite courageous action.



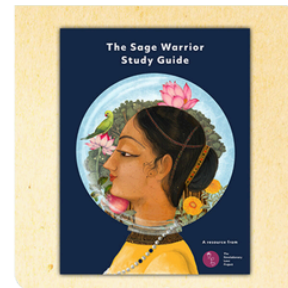
Piloted Two Early Childhood Programs: In late 2023, we launched the Early Childhood Educator Circle and the Early Childhood Parent Circle, reaching communities on the East and West Coasts.



Virtual Community Events: We brought together thousands across the country to deepen their practice of Revolutionary Love through interactive workshops.



Expanded Our Team: In April, we hired a full-time Director of Movement Strategy, bolstering our capacity to support our growing community.



Produced Sage-Warrior Study Guide: In September, we unveiled a study guide to accompany Valarie Kaur's transformative new book, Sage-Warrior.

The Revolutionary Love Tour



In September 2024, we launched a cross-country bus tour to ignite people to courage with the message of Revolutionary Love. Strategically timed during a divisive election season, this healing odyssey across the nation brought a message of oneness and interdependence to 44 cities. The bus tour brought Revolutionary Love to life through original storytelling, music, and artwork. At the heart of each event, our Founder and Executive Director, [Valarie Kaur](#), offered powerful storytelling and calls to action rooted in ancient wisdom. We left communities with evidence-based tools to foster solidarity and healing.



AUDIENCE MEMBERS @ STORYTELLING BOOTH, ATLANTA



BUS BLESSING WITH FAITH LEADERS @ TOUR STOP, LOS ANGELES



WRITTEN IN THE SKY! @ NEW ORLEANS

Tour Special Guests

New York, NY 9/10: Jaqui Lewis, Hari Kondabolu, Lisa Sharon Harper, Carmen Perez, Ari Afsar	Berkeley, CA 9/26: john a. powell, Jose Antonio Vargas	Battle Creek, MI 10/12: Rebecca Irby
New York, NY 9/11: Kerri Kelly	Sacramento, CA 9/27: Kevin Kahakula'akea	Detroit, MI 10/12: Arelis E. Diaz
Los Angeles, CA 9/13: ALOK, Rainn Wilson, Beau Sia, Shepard Fairey	Denver, CO 9/30: Mirabai Starr, Sister Simone Campbell	Cleveland, OH 10/13: Rev. Blackmon, Monica Ramirez
Julian, CA 9/14: Kathy Wilder	Colorado Springs 10/1: Naureen Singh, Rev. Logan Bennett	Pittsburgh, PA 10/15: Jasiri X, Sonny Singh
Mesa, AZ 9/15: Rana Sodhi, Aasees Kaur, Kerri Kelly, John Herald	Omaha, NE 10/2: Jacqui Lewis	Philadelphia, PA 10/16: Linda Sarsour, Vishavjit Singh
Tucson, AZ 9/17: Deja Fox	De Moines, IA 10/3: Brian D. McLaren	Washington, DC 10/17: Deepa Iyer, Aaron Shneyer
Nogales, AZ 9/18: Aissa Huerta	Minneapolis, MN 10/5: Chris Stedman, Rev. Dr. Jia Starr Brown, Rev. DeWayne Davis, Angela Harrelson	Charlottesville, NC 10/18: Sonny Singh, Qais Essar
Los Angeles, CA 9/20: Connie Lim, Brandon Piper, Patrisse Cullors, Beau Sia, Bamby Salcedo	Oak Creek, WI 10/6: Pardeep, Steve Scafiddi, Harpreet Saini	Durham, NC 10/20: adrienne marie brown
Montecito, CA 9/21: Jennifer Rudolph Walsh, Komal Minhas	Indianapolis, IN 10/7: Komal Chohan	Atlanta, GA 10/22: Neichelle Guidry, Dom Kelly, Angad Singh
Clovis, CA 9/22: john a. powell, Jose Antonio Vargas	Notre Dame, IN 10/8: Megan Zwart	Birmingham, AL 10/23: Barry McNealy, Rabbi Matt Dreffin
Fresno, CA 9/23: Lisa Freeman, Brynn Saito, Faye De Long	Chicago, IL 10/09: Ai-jen Poo, Rev. Otis Moss III, Richard Schwartz	Nashville, TN 10/24: Rev. Jen Bailey
San Francisco, CA 9/24: Melissa Canlas	Grand Rapids, MI 10/10: DL McKinney	Memphis, TN 10/25: Vahisha Hasan
San Jose, CA 9/25: Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews, Komal Minhas	Ann Arbor, MI 10/11: Arvind-Pal S. Mandair	New Orleans, LA 10/27: Ani DiFranco

Community Reflections

"This experience is something I didn't know I'd been longing for."

Tour Audience Member

"In my home we've been much more intentional about how we treat one another, how we process rage, and much more."

Parent Circle Participant

"Keep doing what you are doing - your message is so important. Thank you."

Post-Election Healing Circle Participant

"The virtual spaces you offer are a gift. I have chronic health issues that make in-person connections challenging, and I so appreciate the chance to connect with people of love from across the country and world. Thank you, thank you!

Post-Election Healing Circle Participant

"Previously I would add social emotional work to the curriculum or daily schedule as time allowed, but now I see that Revolutionary Love curriculum is a powerful platform to build impactful educator from the heart out. This is such a child centered approach to meaningful education that will set a positive course for change and social justice."

Educator Circle Participant

"This project is what we need at this moment in time. The dedication and courage they have shared is inspiring. We need more voices like this, more hearts open like this, more empathy and tolerance and this project provides it in a safe and rich way"

Patron

"The energy emotion and outpouring of love flowing through the gathered community were extraordinary. I left infused with the power of revolutionary love."

Tour Audience Member

"The generational modeling, the honoring of cultural legacy, and the tapestry of humanity welcomed both on stage and in the audience allowed for a truly life-changing experience."

Poet Beau Sia, Tour Special Guest

"One of the best experiences of my life."

Tour Audience Member

REVOLUTIONARY LOVE IS THE CALL OF OUR TIMES

Vision for 2025



AMPLIFY

Deliver our transformative framework to new audiences by hosting additional Tour Stops and expanding our reach.



EDUCATE

Connect changemakers across the globe by launching a dynamic and interactive Learning Hub.



MOBILIZE

Showcase Revolutionary Love in Action by populating our movement map with case studies from around the country.



BUILD COMMUNITY

Equip leaders with the tools to activate Revolutionary Love in their own communities.

Forge new partnerships with organizations and educational institutions.



Ashley Torres
Director of Communications

What are you most proud of working on this year?

I am most proud of all the incredible work of my teammates and our partners for the 40+ city Revolutionary Love Bus Tour. We committed ourselves to push into this bold vision of a beloved community, and that success we achieved was only possible because love was our north star. Seeing how deeply we showed up for one another—each of us embodying solidarity and support every step of the way is something I will carry with me always.

What are the gifts you have contributed to the RLP team this year?

It's hard to put into words the gifts I bring to the team. I guess that's one of the difficult tasks of loving ourselves is recognizing that we can't show up for others if we don't show up for ourselves. I come from a computer science background which has gifted me the ability to see things through an analytical perspective with quick responsiveness. The demands of our tour required quick action and informative and appealing communications to reach as many people as possible with our messaging. I'm honored that I could play my role in building our community behind the scenes and supporting everyone working so hard on the ground.

What are the gifts you received from the RLP team this year?

I've received so much from my Revolutionary Love team this year that it would be impossible to list it all, but I'll do my best to summarize. While many of us cringe when a workplace calls itself a "family," that's exactly what we are. Every person on this team lives into the values we promote out into the world. We've laughed together, cried together, and navigated difficult conversations with care, respect, and trust. We all understand that to change the world, we must first embody the change we want to see.

What is your favorite memory from this year?

My favorite memory has to be the launch of our bus tour in Los Angeles. After a year of envisioning a show that was inclusive for all and would change hearts, seeing it come to life felt almost surreal. Hundreds of people showed up, and even more spread the word about our movement online. It was clear that lives were being changed, including mine. When I saw our bus for the first time, it felt like a dream. That moment truly put into perspective the incredible power we have to change the world when we unite to practice Revolutionary Love.

What are you most looking forward to working on next year?

I'm incredibly excited to deepen our connections with the community next year. We've inspired thousands across the country, and we recognize the deep hunger for more—more resources, more connection, more ways to engage in the work for a just world. We all have a unique role to play in this labor, and so many people are craving meaningful connection. I'm confident that we hold the tools the world needs to create lasting change, and I'm excited to play my part in that collective effort.





Anusha Mehar
Director of Movement Strategy

What are you most proud of working on this year?

As I reflect on this past year, my heart is full of gratitude, pride, and a deep sense of purpose. It was full of transformation—both personally and professionally. Without a doubt, I'm most proud of co-producing the Revolutionary Love U.S. Tour with the remarkable Revolutionary Love, SOZE, and Amplifier teams—what a beautiful synthesis of creativity, logistical precision, deep care—and learning! It wasn't perfect, but the love in this labor was palpable from all parties, and we planted the seeds of a very special experience in every place we visited. It was such a special opportunity to weave together so many threads of my life's work, and albeit grueling at times (the hours, the intensity, the desire to do it all at the highest standard), it paid off.

I feel blessed to be in love with the work I get to do, and I have grown more confident in my abilities and those of our team as a result. And, seeing audiences embrace the call to love even in the face of pain and injustice reaffirmed the urgency of this work. Our visit to Oak Creek was a particularly moving experience for me: As a reminder that this beautiful, cultural expression we got to offer to people as a tool of revolution embodies the spirit of *Chardi Khala* in the deepest sense. It was an honor to bear witness and to bring the many details together to make this magic happen.

I loved getting to hold relationships with so many incredible thought leaders, organizers, and community leaders across the country. From the intimate gatherings to the sold out events, every tour stop affirmed for me the power of art and cultural organizing to inspire hope and catalyze action in a very spiritual sense.

What are the gifts you have contributed to the RLP team this year?

Whatever the work, I strived to support the Revolutionary Love Project and all of my peers with both skill and heart. I contributed to our team what I hope was a unique blend of cultural organizing expertise, movement strategy, and organizational world-building.

My experience as a non-profit founder and cultural organizer allowed me to strengthen our operational and creative fabric while supporting Valarie and the team to bring diverse communities into deeper practice with the ethic of Revolutionary Love. I believe that my career and background allowed me to see Valarie in her work from up close in a way that offered deep wrap-around care beyond just scheduling and logistics, while also seeing our brilliant team balance the growth of an emergent organization and all of the needs that come with that. As a founder who recently transitioned her organizational leadership into very capable hands, it gave me a unique perspective into our shared work from all angles. I believe that insight will continue to prove invaluable for the next year ahead as we establish RevLove evermore as an entity that stands on the work it produces, and relationships it builds, to support movement and other leaders.

Through my own relationships within the movement, I'm looking forward to inviting new partners and voices into this work, to enrich the project with an even broader spectrum of audiences. We need it—far and wide!

What are the gifts you received from the RLP team this year?

This team of extraordinary women of color has been a gift in every sense of the word. It has been a blessing to join our deeply collaborative, compassionate, and integrity-driven team. Together, we embodied the ethic of Revolutionary Love in how we supported one another and showed up for this work. It has been a provide to work alongside individuals who are committed to excellence, while also holding each other's humanness. I am also grateful for the trust and recognition of my peers—to be promoted twice this year from my initial role leaves me feeling seen and appreciated. (Thank you beloveds!)



ANUSHA & JOHN POWELL @ TOUR STOP, BERKELEY

What is your favorite memory from this year?

It's hard to choose just one! This year has been filled with unforgettable moments. That said, a few stand out:

- Being in the desert in Arizona & playing music on the bus—period!—forever and ever. Emerging amidst the challenges of the tour. Then, Valarie created a beautiful, ritualistic birthday celebration—a rare, meaningful pause to breathe, reflect, and consider what I need to be brave in my life. That evening, Eszter and I visited the Red Rocks Amphitheater, grounding ourselves in nature alongside a funky soundscape. The next day, strangers in our audience serenaded me, and the team ended the night pulling poems from one of my favorite poets, Hafiz. The entire experience left me feeling alive, loved, and deeply connected to the journey we're on.
- The show at La Peña de Berkeley felt like a homecoming. Standing in a space co-founded by my beloved movement elder, Ishmael Duran, and reflecting on how far I've come in my career from the days at the Hip Hop Community Center in the South Bronx was an emotional milestone. It reaffirmed my commitment to weaving art and culture into resistance spaces—a journey I've been on for over 20 years.
- The Grace Lee Boggs show was another highlight. Being in her home was nourishing like no other—a sacred moment to honor her legacy while carrying her spirit forward in our work.
- Lastly, spending QT with our crew in Nashville and New Orleans filled me with joy. Packing up with Bruna late at night, surrounded by laughter and a deep sense of accomplishment (and all of our production materials!), reminded me how much I love this work and the people I get to share it with.

What are you most looking forward to working on next year?

In 2025, I'm excited to build on the relationships we cultivated during the tour. I have so many ideas on how to deepen these connections and create even more opportunities for communities to engage with the ethic of Revolutionary Love, through art, culture, and organizing (specifics TB detailed in our proposal for next year).

I'm also looking forward to uplifting my facilitation skills in keynotes and workshops and other more public-facing roles, as we democratize the leadership who is empowered to spread the seeds of Revolutionary Love. I'm excited that it will mean we can say yes to opportunities, as a team, that we know Valarie, as an individual, must say no to.

Is there anything else you'd like to share?

This year has been an extraordinary journey of growth, love, and transformation. I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had to contribute, the gifts I've received, and the memories we've created as a team. As we step into the new year, I carry with me a renewed commitment to this work and a deep belief in the power of Revolutionary Love to heal, inspire, and unite. Thank y'all for doing that! Cheer's to the road ahead. I love you with all my heart!



Harini Padmanaban
Director of Programs

What are you most proud of working on this year?

I am so honored to have played a part in bringing together people around a shared vision of love through our many offerings, big and small, this year. Our largest and most prominent initiative this year was the Revolutionary Love Bus Tour, however there have also been so many little things that we worked on that are less visible or cannot be measured in numbers. I am especially proud that all our efforts allowed for deep engagement with individuals and communities across the country.

What are the gifts you have contributed to the RLP team this year?

I am glad that I was able to help hold-down-the-fort while the rest of the team was either on the road or busy with rapid-response related to the bus tour. My skills in program planning allowed me to keep track of many different moving pieces, so our regular operations could continue even while something as intense as the Bus Tour was happening.

What are the gifts you received from the RLP team this year?

On a personal level, this was an incredibly difficult year for me. I think I showed up for the team this year as my messiest and realest self, rather than my “best” self. I’ve truly been blown away by the immense grace and love I received during this very challenging time, from my wonderful Revolutionary Love Project family.

What is your favorite memory from this year?

I have a few special memories from this year:

- Watching Nicole facilitate pilot programs for educators and parents, and getting to hear about participants' experiences in implementing Revolutionary Love in their unique settings - it was truly such a wonderful experience to be part of.
- Working with SkyCross Media to give our website a fresh new look - I got to exercise my creative muscles in a new way.
- Meeting the coolest individuals from a number of different organizations whom we collaborated with on bring the Revolutionary Love Tour to life - I learnt so much!
- Weekly operational meetings with Anusha and Ashley, where we got the chance to bond with each other and dream about the future of the Revolutionary Love Project - what a delight it has been to find sisters and friends through my job!

What are you most looking forward to working on next year?

Bringing to life all that we have envisioned for this organization and the community we serve.

Nicole Marie Mandell
Early Childhood Pedagogista

What are you most proud of working on this year?

It felt good to launch the ECE materials and hear back from folks about their impact. Most satisfying, however, are the developing relationships with parents and educators who are going deeper in their application of Revolutionary Love to their contexts.

What are the gifts you have contributed to the RLP team this year?

I think I contributed steadfastness and follow-through on moving forward with what we set out to accomplish. I was a good collaborator and brought creativity to adapting the practices to people's daily lives!

What are the gifts you received from the RLP team this year?

I received a lot of support moving ideas forward. The team is always kind, generous, and so fun to work with. I loved when we get to brainstorm and create things together.

What is your favorite memory from this year?

My favorite memory is working with Melissa to plan the teas we facilitated this spring. We laughed a lot, and thinking about bringing people into this work together was satisfying.

What are you most looking forward to working on next year?

I am so looking forward to seeing how participants interact with and learn from our new Early Childhood Educators course on Revolutionary Love that we are running with The Center for Playful Inquiry.





WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM SOZE AGENCY, AMPLIFIER ART & ADVISORS



BRUNA, JORDAN & LESLIE FROM SOZE AGENCY @ TOUR STOP, NEW ORLEANS



MADYSON, REV. LOGAN & ESZTER @ TOUR STOP, SACRAMENTO

Gratitude

This year we had the immense pleasure of collaborating with some incredible individuals to bring the Revolutionary Love Bus Tour to life! We couldn't have embarked on this adventure without the time, effort, wisdom and support of:

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PLANNING RETREAT IN PROGRESS



CONNECTING WITH THE EARTH AND OCEAN



OUR YOUNGEST TEAMMATES IN A MUSICAL MOMENT



HEARING THE STORIES OF OUR ELDERS

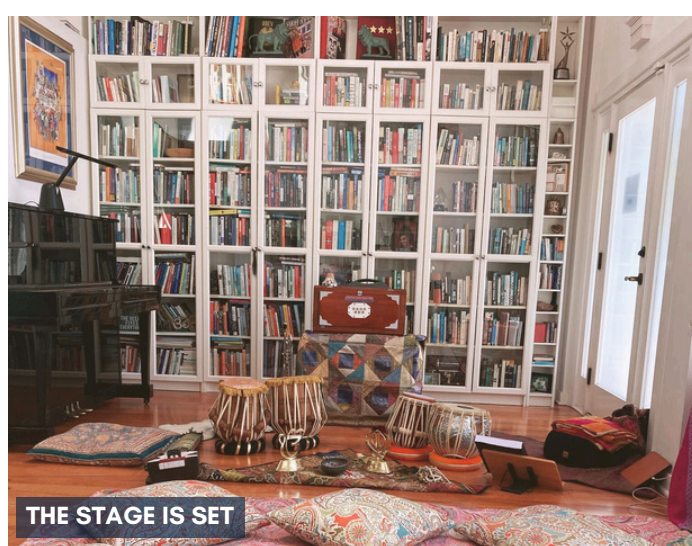
2024: A SNEAK PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES



MAKING A WISH FOR 2024



A MUCH NEEDED COFFEE BREAK



THE STAGE IS SET



THE BUS IS REAL! HERE WE GO!



The Revolutionary Love Project

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