

Resisting Violence and Resisting State Colonialism

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“They want the violence to stop...but don’t want their partner to get racism, they don’t want their partner beaten in custody, incarcerated, they don’t want them to be humiliated. They are engaged in resisting colonialism and violence, and we need to join them in that... and conduct the way we work in a way that reflects that.”

“Why do we get pleasure from someone's acts of dignity. It’s horrible – she shouldn’t have to resist, you know but how come we get so much pleasure from her pleasure of resisting? Because he hasn’t won. It’s her strength. We can identify with that right? When we hear about how someone responded to with such dignity, so creatively, in such an extraordinary kind of a way. We can immediately identify with the person, the human, their spirit, their dignity shines through...”

“So our job, in part, is to find the inner ‘Tantoo Cardinal’... so our work can become, partly, identifying and honouring and acknowledging the already existing resistance and spirit of dignity of the person, when faced with adversity. We can orient our work that way, rather than treating the negative effects and impacts of violence which is the colonial practice... I’ll come back to that later...”

What surprised you? | What did you appreciate about that? | What might you reflect on?