Historically, nonprofit organizations play central roles in bringing about social change, while fulfilling their missions. This LeadTime offers articles, resources and innovative strategies to help nonprofit leaders explore how their organizations can develop and articulate a social change agenda for greater social impact.

**Are Nonprofits Getting in the Way of Social Change?**

While many important socio-economic and environmental problems remain intractable, increased awareness, new technology, adequate funding, and more collaboration have created a context where effective social change is possible. This article discusses and proposes ways to help leaders of community organizations learn about, select, and implement new tools and approaches to generate greater impact and advance their social change oriented missions.

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**Social Change Requires a New Nonprofit Leader**

As global and local social challenges mount and government increasingly offloads services, the burden is shifting to the nonprofit sector. This article, by Nell Edgington, proposes that in the light of these challenges it is time for a new kind of nonprofit leader, one who has the confidence, ability, foresight, energy, and strength of will to find and deliver on solutions and social change.
Working for Social Justice with Social Change Philanthropy

As Tracy Gary and Melissa Kohner explain in Inspired Philanthropy: Creating a Giving Plan, "traditional philanthropy is based on responding to, treating and managing the consequences of life in a society with a capital-based economy." Social change philanthropy, on the other hand, works by changing the systems (public policy, societal mores, and institutional biases) that support social injustice. This 2012 article in the Nonprofit Quarterly discusses a paradigm shift in philanthropy towards promoting social change through community organizing and activism.

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Social Change Requires A Strong Digital Reach

History shows that big social change often starts small. The seeds of many national movements were planted by small groups of people talking around kitchen tables. While computer screens and smartphones may have replaced those kitchen tables, it's still true that small groups of people with big ideas can spark powerful social change. Technology shouldn't replace time-proven community-organizing strategies, it should enhance them by giving nonprofits rapid and cost-efficient access to millions of people who want to get involved in some way. This article discusses how social change can benefit from new tools that offer faster and more affordable ways of connecting with thousands of people with tweets or text messages.

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