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**SOLIDARITY: WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE IN PUBLIC**  
2023 ANNUAL MEETING VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

**Making Connections and Sharing Lessons Learned from  
Campaigns to Build Communities, Not Cop Shops and Cages**

**Saturday, 3/30/24, 1:00-3:00 pm ET/10:00 am-12:00 pm PT**

**Live Stream: [bit.ly/asa-roundtable](https://bit.ly/asa-roundtable)**

*Recorded video of the panel will be available afterwards at the same link*

It is undeniable – policing and imprisonment kills. It is also undeniable that communities targeted by carceral state violence have had enough and are organizing to choose real safety and decarceral futures where the needs of all are met and transformative justice is practiced in the wake of violence. Yet, amid their increasingly mainstream calls and organizing to defund the police and abolish prisons, carceral state institutions continue to push for more funds and resources, including for new policing and prison infrastructure. This roundtable aims to bring organizers from across Canada, the United States and elsewhere around the world to make connections and share lessons learned from campaigns to build communities, not cop shops and cages to seed the ground for future abolitionist organizing.

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