HELPFUL TIPS ON SELF-ORGANIZING FOR EFFECTIVE ACTIVISM AND ADVOCACY

1. Choose a cause you are committed to with the knowledge that all effective activism and advocacy requires hard work, research, diligence, and strategy.
2. Research and study all available data surrounding and involving your cause to better understand obstacles and better prepare for the opposition.
3. Work cooperatively, whenever practical and wise, with individuals and organizations that share your knowledge, passion, and commitment.
4. Base your efforts on reason and fact, not assumption and emotion.
5. Contribute to or create public information campaigns and resources to educate and inspire public support for your cause.
6. Contribute to or create recommendations for changes to laws that fail to represent and protect the population(s) represented by you/your cause.
7. Thoroughly review and study historical causes and movements (and their methods); opposition they faced; and counter-intelligence methodologies they encountered.
8. Remember "loose lips sink ships" and share sensitive strategy information on a "need-to-know" basis and only with individuals you 100% trust.
9. Beware of individuals and organizations that wish to dominate and direct your cause and action. Always think for yourself and stay true to your goals and values. If an org or individual doesn't share your positions, goals, and values, move on or work alone. (See http://www.getoutzine.com/node/883.html)
10. Don't assume anyone is more informed than you are regardless of his/her appearance and charms. Demand to be treated with equality and respect and treat others the same.