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Public Interest Work Resources

Inspirational Books about discernment, community work, education and activism compiled by the Venture Consortium (www.theventureconsortium.org)

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Everett, Melissa. [Making A Living While Making A Difference: The Expanded Guide to Creating Careers with a Conscience](#). Gabriola Island, BC: New Society Publishers, 1999.

Freire, Paulo. [Pedagogy of the Oppressed](#). New York: Continuum, 2002.

Gallagher, Winifred. [Spiritual Genius: The Mastery of Life's Meaning](#). New York: Random House, 2001.

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Horton, Myles, and Paulo Freire. [We Make the Road by Walking: Conversations on Education and Social Change](#). Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1991.

King Jr., Martin Luther. [Why We Can't Wait](#). New York: New American Library, 2000.

Lamott, Anne. [Traveling Mercies : Some Thoughts on Faith](#). New York: Anchor, 2000.

Leider, Richard J. [Life Skills: Taking Charge of Your Personal and Professional Growth](#). Paramus, NJ: Prentice Hall Press, 1996.

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Loeb, Paul Rogat. [Soul of A Citizen: Living with Conviction in a Cynical Time](#). New York: St. Martin's, 1999.

** Pages 350-357 of this book are a Resource Guide containing other books, magazines, and organizations that could further reflections on this kind of work.*

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Parks Daloz, Laurent A., et al. [Common Fire: Leading Lives of Commitment in a Complex World](#). Boston: Beacon Press, 1996.

Shore, Bill. [The Cathedral Within: Transforming Your life by Giving Something Back](#). New York: Random House, 2001.

Suzuki, David, and Holly Dressel. [Good News for a Change: How Everyday People are Helping the Planet](#). Vancouver: Greystone Books, 2002.

Walker, Alice. [Anything We Love Can Be Saved: A Writer's Activism](#). New York: Ballantine Publishing Group, 1997.

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