A bit on our history...

The history of SOURCE dates back to the early years of Hampshire College when students of color and international students started the Third World Organization. The group eventually developed into a coalition that continues today: SOURCE (Students of Under-Represented Cultures & Ethnicities). SOURCE has been instrumental over the decades in creating community, advocating for students’ needs, and helping institute campus change. As a result of the 1988 Dakin Takeover that SOURCE led, the Lebron-Wiggins-Pran Cultural Center was established as an office and safe space for the multicultural student community. This is an example of the many times that SOURCE has mobilized to address students’ needs and concerns. Other initiatives for change over the years have involved allies, other offices, individuals, and the larger campus community. There are many institutional, social, and cultural barriers and experiences that are shared among students of color and international students. This population at Hampshire generally comprises a relatively small percentage of the student body (currently 18% students of color and 6% international). It is for these reasons that SOURCE exists. Students create a critical mass through SOURCE to provide needed support, and to facilitate change.

Our Mission

As it is as much a struggle to be recognized as culturally diverse individuals, it is a struggle to be recognized as an organization of importance. Our organization’s title, which is no longer broken down into acronyms, effectively depicts our organization as a support-ive network of students working for the respect of cultural diversity. The title SOURCE best fits the abundance of knowledge that is gained from our diverse origins.

The members of SOURCE are both benefactors and teachers of themselves and their community.

SOURCE

Students Of Under Represented Cultures & Ethnicities

SOURCE Group Coordinators (SGCs)

Besides assisting the signers of SOURCE groups, SGCs also organize all-SOURCE meetings and events throughout each semester. These are excellent opportunities to share concerns, solve problems together, and build community. The SGCs serve as SOURCE’s de-facto liaisons to the wider campus community, including Student Government Association.

Poster on the other side.

SOURCE Groups

Umoja (Students of the African Diaspora)
SISTERS (Women of Color & International Women)
Raices (Students of Latin@ Heritage)
QIPOC (Queer International & People of Color)
PASA (Pan-Asian Students Alliance)
MOCA (Men of Color Alliance)
Mixed Heritage (Students of Mixed Heritage)
JB Scholars (Students of the James Baldwin Scholars Program)
FISH (Forum of International Studentes at Hampshire)
DIG (Indigenous Students)

Why Participate in SOURCE?

Advocating for racial/ethnic/cultural diversity
Cultural Connection
FUN!!!!! Promoting campus wide education
A sense of belonging

Being Involved

Every students’ level of participation in SOURCE will vary, not every student of color or international student may feel the need to become involved in SOURCE or its groups each semester. The one constant is that SOURCE and its groups are always there for whenever a student of color/international student needs them.