

KEY ADVOCACY STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR YOUTH-LED ORGANIZATIONS NAVIGATING CLOSED AND CONSTRAINED CONTEXTS !



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# **Roots Lab Africa**

**Roots Lab Africa is an** intersectional feminist community based Lab working on **LGBTIQ+ and gender** development to promote equity, equality and freedoms in Morocco. Our Lab aims to build a network of gender diverse people capaciated, informed and enabled to contribute to the development of the conditions of LGBTIQ+ persons in our diversity. We work on empowering our beliefs, structures, processes and strategies and co-create our narrative about ourselves by ourselves.

#### A community gathering about gender-based violence and antihuman rights/gender movements

Empowerment of LGBTIQ+ persons: By providing access to alternative ways of education, empowerment and capacity building worshops, economic opportunities. Goal : Enlarge the amount of gender diverse persons who are capable of advocating for LGBTIQ+ and gender related issues.





Grassroot feminist gathering from the MENA region

Partnerships and collaborations: Collaborating with community based organizations, allies and supporters who support us to amplify our impact and ensure sustainability.

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### Hackathon Earthquake Morocco

The social and cultural context in Morocco is characterized by a stigmatizing and conservative discourse seeking to shame diverse sexual orientation and gender identities and expressions, drug users, HIV positive, sex workers. This is translated to harassment in the streets or online for those who are perceived as LGBTIQ. Being aggressive towards Key populations in Morocco is socially encouraged and supported by the law articles 483, 489, 490

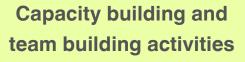






About Our Class

Advocacy through research: We work on reaserch and documentation studies to collect evidence as a strategic tool for advocacy and influence of policy-making processes.









## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND ENGAGEMENT







#### PATA Conference Morocco Country Hub







Fostering Innovation within the movement: Encouraging innovative solutions to genderrelated challenges by supporting local entrepreneurs and community-led projects that address specific needs.







