Direct Action Roles

BEFORE ACTION

- Coordinator, Campaigner or Organizer
- Fundraisers
- Researchers: to learn about the target and gather facts for the campaign.
- Scouting the site or route
- Outreach and organizing
- Logistics and support
- Meeting facilitator
- Artists, Painters, Sewers to make props, signs, banners, political theatre, etc.
- Media outreach: Send out media advisory and media release
- Media kits: write, gather and photocopy contents.
- Writers: write materials, flyers, media kit contents, web site, etc.

DURING ACTION

- People risking arrest: intending to risk arrest and commit civil disobedience
- Direct Support People: risking arrest by staying with those locked down as long as possible and necessary and providing a human shield to those locked down
- Police Liaison: maintains communication between police and demonstrators.
- Peacekeepers/monitors: another "layer" of human shield protection for the demonstration, specializing in nonviolent de-escalation techniques.
- Deployment Team: helpers for getting people locked down and in place.
- Diversion Team: to draw attention away from the people most vulnerable
- Media spokesperson
- Media outreach
- Communication team
- Demonstrators/Sign-holders/Chanters/Singers/ Hand out literature etc.
- Videographer(s)
- Still photographer
- Medic/EMT/Medical Team
- Legal Observers)
- Jail Support Contact person
- For lock-downs: an off-site key holder

AFTER ACTION

- Legal Support
- Lawyer
- Documentarian/Historian/Archivist
- Fundraisers
- Public speakers
- Letter writers to decision-makers and newspaper editorial boards