

# Notes From Beyond The Margins

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#### **The Quest Goes On**



#### **Words from the artist**

Our community has struggled a lot, historically and recently. What I drew is how our community feels to me right now. Life comes out of death. There is nothing, then theres a spark... and now there's life. What we have now as a community (and for MEDAL itself) is the beginning of something that will outlive all of us. It's a legacy we share just by being here and making ourselves seen.

Educate (if you choose) and remember to take care of yourself. Build yourself up and you build up your community. We're all stronger at our best together. Have a nice day

#### **Message from the editor**

Hello, and welcome to our newsletter, The Quest Goes On.

Three months have passed since we sent our previous newsletter. These three months have been very eventful for us – the MEDAL team – as well as for the MAP community as a whole, and for the world. In October, MEDAL endorsed Kamala Harris and in early November, we shared our opinions on the outcome of the U.S. election. This outcome is unfortunate for us all, and yet it does not signify a defeat, but a new chapter in our fight.

By being in the MAP community, you are part of this fight too. And I believe in our future.

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#### **MEDAL turns one year old**

Exactly one year ago, in November 2023, our organization was born. This has been the first attempt at organized activism for most of us, and we're happy to report that we're still going strong and coming up with new ideas.

#### We protest injustice

MEDAL added its signature to a collective letter addressing The House of Representatives on the topic of a proposed bill that would allow the U.S. government to declare that a U.S.-based nonprofit organization is a terrorist organization. Such a bill would undoubtedly be used to discriminate against organizations that advocate for the rights of marginalized minorities, and we as MAPs must stand together with the others. You can find out more about this bill, as well as access the text of the letter, in one of our recent posts.

## **MEDAL** on social media

Now, in addition to checking in on us at minorattracted.org, you can follow us on Map Support Server. There you can receive updates about our new posts and other activities, including information about our other accounts.

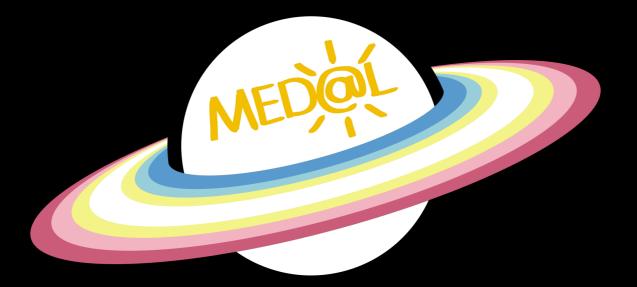
## **Activist templates and infographics**

A new page that was recently added to our site contains materials that can help you combat misinformation and promote MAP rights both online and offline. These materials include two letter templates, an infographic, and a leaflet with printing instructions.

#### In conclusion

We have had a busy autumn and look forward to a productive winter. As always, you can share your ideas and suggestions with us via our Contact page. And who knows, maybe an idea you bring up will become a foundation for the next newsletter topic in three months from now.

# That's one small step for a MAP



one giant leap for MAPkind.