What story would YOU tell through words and images about racism, gender discrimination, bullying or any social injustice?

Can YOU create a comic about social justice through non-violence?

CONFLICT AND PEACE INITIATIVE invites you to join the Social Justice Comic Contest!

Congressman John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell, the National Book Award winners for the graphic novel trilogy *March*, are coming to Ann Arbor on November 27, 2017!

In honor of their visit, we invite you to create your own social justice comic. By participating, you can win awesome prizes, and have the chance to meet the great Nate Powell! And maybe you and your comic can also help CHANGE THE WORLD!

COMICS ARE POWERFUL!!!

DID YOU KNOW . . .?

The 10¢ comic book *Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story* (1957) played an important role as a primer on nonviolent resistance in the civil rights movement. It inspired nonviolent protests in Latin America, South Africa and the Middle East, and inspired the graphic novel trilogy *March*, which has received numerous prestigious awards, including the 2016 National Book Award.

Contact Ashley Bates with questions: asbates@umich.edu.
**Submission Guidelines**

* Create your own comic with a maximum of 5 pages, including the cover page.
* Your comic should deal with a social justice issue and ideally non-violence.
* Each submission must be the creative and original work of the contestant(s).
* Computer-generated images are acceptable as long as they are your original work (no clip art).
* Submit your comic in TWO formats: as a PDF (for the judges) and a JPEG file (for display purposes). Highly recommended: 300dpi resolution and CMYK color profile.

Link for submitting comics will be available on **AUGUST 1, 2017** at sites.lsa.umich.edu/marchingforward/

Upload your comics by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017 at 11:59PM**.

Winners will be announced by **NOVEMBER 25**.

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**Judging**

Entries will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

**USE OF THE THEME SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**OVERALL STORY CREATIVITY**

**AND ILLUSTRATIONS**

Submissions will be divided into three age group categories— ages 14 and under; 15-18; and 19 and older.

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**Winning comics will be displayed in the Michigan Theater foyer during the keynote event AND published in the Vault of Midnight’s new magazine.**

**PRIZES FOR EACH GROUP:**

- **1st Prize** $100 gift certificate to Vault of Midnight
- **2nd Prize** $50 gift certificate
- **3rd Prize** $25 gift certificate