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## **Social Justice Interpreting**

In this paper I will be using the term “social justice” in the sense that refers to movements or non-profit organizations that work at the grassroots levels and in coalition to address local manifestations of global social and economic inequalities. This framework includes professional interpreters who are exploring new ways of earning a living as an interpreter and contributing to community empowerment at the same time such as Connections Cooperative in Providence, Rhode Island. It also includes labor and civil society organizations and movements that encourage direct participation of workers and citizens in securing safer working conditions, civil rights, and living wages, such as the Coalition of Immokalee workers of Immokalee, Florida or the Highlander Education and Research Center of Newport, Tennessee. These examples are intended to give an introduction to the vast field of social justice interpreting. Further study of the field of social justice interpreting could inform notions of power dynamics in other fields and the later could inform practices and techniques within the former. This social justice framework can be useful for descriptive study of a relatively overlooked or at least underappreciated field that nevertheless exists and will continue to exist regardless of academic interest.