

The Monthly Voice

December 2015 - ONE DC Newsletter

"Each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfill it, or betray it."

-Frantz Fanon

Join us in celebrating the end of 2015...and envisioning an equitable DC in 2016!

ONE DC members stand in solidarity with the people of Baltimore



Brookland Manor tenants stand up against displacement



The Black Workers Center Advisory Committee meets for the first time



ONE DC members attend the 2nd National Black Workers Center Convening in Oakland, CA



Cooperation DC trains 30+ residents on how to start worker-owned cooperatives



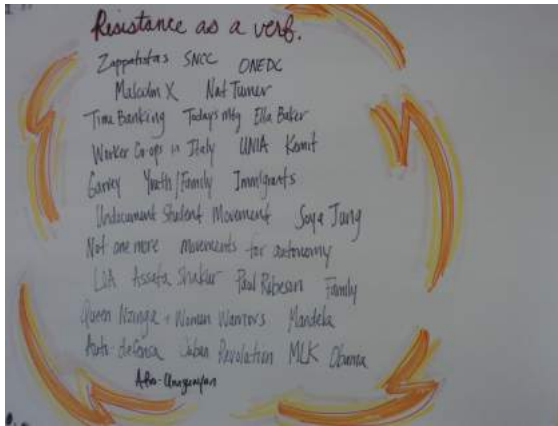
2nd Annual Equitable Development Conference



Residents demand clawbacking & First Source reform



Freedom School 2015: Resisting State Violence



Juneteenth Press Event to Release "Trained to Death & Still Jobless"



ONE DC members attend Movement for Black Lives Convening in Cleveland



Mount Vernon Plaza tenants hold vigil to protest displacement



ONE DC members visit worker coops in Baltimore, NYC, & Philadelphia



People's Platform members meet with DHCD, DMPED, & DMGEO to present demands



People's Platform members go on 3-day strategic retreat



#TakeBacktheStreets week of action against police terror & displacement



[Thank you for making 2015 unforgettable. Please donate to support our work in 2016!](#)

TightShift Laboring Coop Featured by the Working World

“Since I returned home from prison, finding work has been hell. Creating work for myself has been my only option. Through connections at ONE DC, I learned about the cooperative model, and I decided to make my business a cooperative so I could create opportunities for others stuck on the outside like I was. But even though we had the effort and the ideas, we didn't have the resources. Joining the national peer network has given us access to capital and training that was impossible before.” -Juan Reid. TightShift Laboring Cooperative Co-founder & ONE DC member

[Working World Peer Network](#) is a network of coop lenders and capacity builders which builds movement infrastructure for non-extractive community finance.

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Equitable Development in Shaw - Rooflines

By Derek Hyra, Dominic Moulden, & Gregory Squires

A recent New York Times article on the revitalization of Washington, DC's Shaw neighborhood highlighted how real estate developers have rebranded the area

to attract mainly white Millennials to this once predominately African American neighborhood.

However, it failed to place what is happening in Shaw within the larger redevelopment context of the country and discuss important equitable development efforts in this dynamic economically and racially diverse neighborhood.

Shaw is not just "rebranded" real estate development. The neighborhood offers some important grassroots organizing lessons regarding how to harness redevelopment forces to benefit the lives of those who have long made Shaw their home along with those just discovering the community.

[Read the full article on Rooflines here](#)

Upcoming Events

Member Orientation

Monday, January 25 - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

New Community Church - 614 S St NW

We welcome all supporters, whether long-time members or new joiners, to join us for our next Member Orientation to learn more about the work of ONE DC and what it means to be a member.

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"Collective Courage" Wisdom Circle

Saturday, January 16 - 3:00 PM

Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library - 1630 7th St NW

Join us to discuss Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice, written by ONE DC Shared Leadership Team member Jessica Gordon Nembhard. To buy a copy at a discounted price, please email organizer@onedconline.org.

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SAVE THE DATE: 2016 Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 5 - 2-5 PM

Location TBA

What is the people's vision for 2016 and beyond? What is ONE DC's financial standing? How did we win in 2015? How can you as a member get involved? Join us to find out! All are welcome, but only members who paid annual dues in 2015 will be eligible to vote in elections.

[RSVP Here](#)

SAVE THE DATE: 3rd Annual Equitable Development Conference

April 4 - 5, 2016

The George Washington University

Details to come. To help plan, email dmoulden@onedconline.org. Info about previous years [can be found here](#).

ONE Bit of Good News: Dr. Jessica Gordon Nembhard to be inducted into Cooperative Hall of Fame

Three cooperative leaders will receive the cooperative community's highest honor on May 4, 2016 when they are inducted into the [Cooperative Hall of Fame](#), including ONE DC Shared Leadership Team member Dr. Jessica Gordon Nembhard, author of *Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice*.

"I am happy :) - and proud - to let you know that I have just been elected onto the Cooperative Hall of Fame and will be inducted on May 4th, 2016 in Washington, DC. The Co-op Hall of Fame is the US cooperative movement's highest honor. I feel incredibly humble and honored to now stand with our greats such as Melbah M. Smith, Shirley Sherrod, Ralph Paige, Pete Crear, Joy Cousminer, Steve Dawson, Rebecca Dunn, Edward A. Filene, Benjamin Franklin, James Peter Warbasse, John B. Gauci, Woodrow Keon, John Ernest Johnson, Gonze Lee Twitty, Terry Lewis, William Nelson, Jerry Vorhis, etc. Thanks to the US Federation of Worker Cooperatives for nominating me, and to all of you who officially supported me. Also thanks to all of you for being my friends and support. Happy Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!" -Jessica

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