

The Monthly Voice

April 2016 - ONE DC Newsletter

"Freedom! Freedom! I can't move
Freedom, cut me loose!
Yeah, freedom! Freedom! Where are you?
Cause I need freedom too!
I break chains all by myself
Won't let my freedom rot in hell
Hey! I'ma keep running
Cause a winner don't quit on themselves."
-Beyonce, "Freedom," LEMONADE

Join the ONE DC Black Workers Center ApprenticeShift Campaign

For the last several months we've come together at ONE DC's Black Workers Center to create a transformative organizing campaign aimed at creating jobs and shifting the way workforce development is done in the city. For too long the District government has invested millions in jobs training programs that don't create jobs. [According](#) to the Economic Policy Institute, the Black unemployment rate in DC is 13.6% - the highest in the country.

History has taught us that the only way to change these dire statistics is to organize. In 2014, ONE DC members organized and successfully got 178 workers hired at the Marriott Marquis Hotel on Massachusetts Avenue NW. We did it before and we can do it again. Join us for our [next meeting Thursday, May 19th](#) to learn how to get involved with the ApprenticeShift campaign. We demand that the city shift from a failed jobs training model and expand opportunities for paid apprenticeships (on the job training). We'll discuss the campaign plan and timeline, outreach, and specific ways you can get involved.

Thursday, May 19 - 6PM

United Black Fund - 2500 MLK Jr Ave SE

[Click here to RSVP for the next meeting](#)

ONE DC's Juneteenth 10th Anniversary Celebration

Monday, May 9 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

ONE DC Office - 614 S St NW, Carriage House

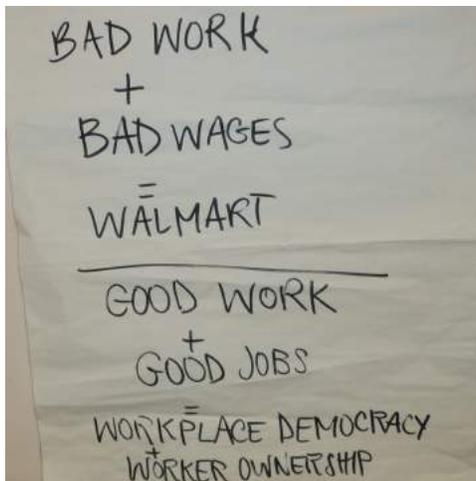
ONE DC will be celebrating our 10th Anniversary on Juneteenth weekend -

Saturday, June 18th! Using the theme of Celebration, Reclamation, and Radical Imagination, we are working to develop a day of stellar programming and we need your support:

- Contacting vendors & partners to participate in a pop-up marketplace
- Lending your creative talent as artists, singers, spoken word/poets, or performers to the program
- Helping with phone banking and mailings, managing ticket sales and RSVPs
- Sharing your own story about what it means to be a ONE DC member and organize for your rights in DC
- And more!

[Click here to RSVP for the next planning meeting](#)

Cooperation DC Meeting



Cooperation DC's mission is to expand dignified employment opportunities in low-income communities of color through the development of worker cooperatives, businesses owned and managed democratically by their employees. Our vision is a city and world where all workers – especially those of us who have been most marginalized by our current economy – reap the benefits of our labor, have a meaningful voice in the workplace, and apply those democratic practices to other areas of our civic lives. Come find out what's happening this year with Cooperation DC and how you can get involved!

Sunday, May 15 - 2PM
Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library - 1630 7th St NW

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Looking to Live in a Housing Cooperative?



The housing co-op of 1417 N Street NW is currently offering affordable studio living spaces with a variety of features. By owning a share in this co-op, you can have affordable long-term housing while managing your building.

Centrally located in Logan Circle, amenities include HVAC, remodeled bathrooms, a laundry room, bike storage, and more. Units available include the small studio (225 square feet) and the studio (330 square feet); respectively valued at approximately \$950/month and \$1,144/month. Costs cover maintenance, insurance, water, and payments to the co-op blanket mortgages. Resident pays electric & gas.

To qualify for the apartment, you must undergo credit and background checks, demonstrate an interest in co-op participation, and have income between the minimum and maximum values. For more information, contact Hernan Sotomarin at 202.630.1417 Se habla español.

[Click here for more information](#)

Upcoming Events

Pan-African May Day March for Alonzo Smith

Sunday, May 1 - 3:00 PM

Marbury Plaza - 2300 Good Hope Rd SE

May 1st marks the 6th month anniversary of the murder of Alonzo Smith and is International Worker's Day or "May Day," that grew out of the efforts of radical labor organizers. Alonzo was a remarkable education worker and his death is a terrible tragedy that has yet to see justice served. To show that 6 months later Alonzo Smith is missed but never forgotten, there will be a march led by Beverly Smith of Pan-African Community Action and mother of Alonzo starting at Marbury Plaza to the 7th District Station, 2455 Alabama Ave., SE. There will be a rally at both locations with speakers and cultural expression.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

DC May Day March & Rally

Sunday, May 1 - 2:00 PM

Malcolm X Park - 2400 15th ST NW

On May 1st, millions of workers across the globe will express international solidarity by banding together to march in honor of May Day.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

"Collective Courage" Wisdom Circle, Part III

Thursday, May 5 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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

Join us for Part 3 of the Collective Courage Wisdom Circle. For the first hour, Jennifer Bryant will interview author Dr. Jessica Gordon Nembhard. The second hour will be reserved for community dialogue, introspection, & visioning. We look forward to a lively discussion for the last section of Collective Courage!

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"Peace, Jobs, & Justice" - DC Labor Chorus & Not What You Think

Saturday, May 14 – 7:00 PM

Washington Ethical Society - 7750 16th St NW

For the first time ever, two of DC's premier singing groups, Not What You Think and the DC Labor Chorus, join forces for "Peace, Jobs and Justice," a concert of their best songs! Tickets \$20. For more information, call 202-215-2902.

[Click here to purchase advance tickets](#)

DCRA Protection Now!

Saturday, May 14 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Northeast Neighborhood Library 330 7th St NE, Mezzanine Conference Room
2nd floor

Residents demand protection from the DC Regulatory Agency (DCRA) and developers. You and your home are under siege by developers who are building out (Popbacks) and up (Popups) beside your property without abiding by the DCRA Construction Codes and Rules. DCRA is not willing to go against rogue developers to protect D.C. residents.

Email Tolu at dcraprotectionnow@gmail.com or call 202-331-4418 for more info about upcoming meetings in June and July & to be added to the email list.

Raise the Wage: Canvas with #DCfor15 this Saturday!

This **Saturday, April 30 at 10:30 AM**, [ROC-DC](#) will be hitting the streets, telling DC voters about our petition to raise the wage to \$15 per hour for all, and collecting the signatures needed to put it on the people's ballot box come November! Meet us at the African American Civil War Memorial, at the 10th St exist of the U St metro station.

If passed, under our ballot initiative, the District's minimum wage will increase annually until it reaches \$15 per hour in 2020, after which the minimum wage will be adjusted each year according to increases in the cost of living. The initiative will additionally increase the minimum wage of tipped employees to \$15 per hour by 2025, bringing DC's restaurant workers to #1FairWage.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

ONE Bit of Good News - 150 Attend 3rd Annual Equitable Development Conference

"A right to the city' summarizes the banner under which we should be marching. Under that banner, fundamentally, this has to be a working class movement to defend the ability of working class people to remain in and flourish in cities. It needs to be a movement against gentrification and the racial cleansing of cities." -Bill Fletcher, Jr.



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