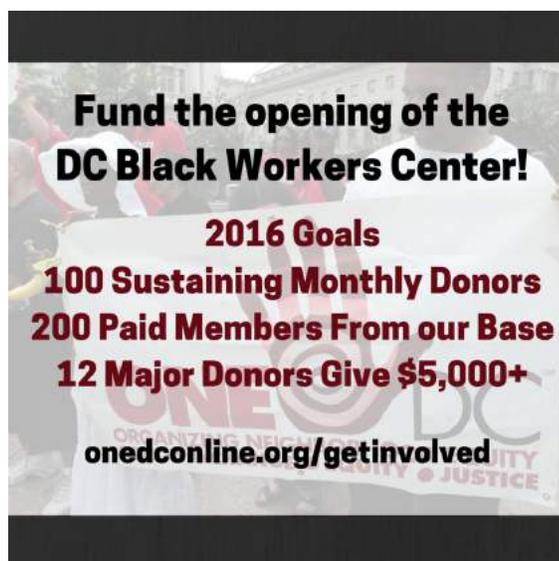


The Monthly Voice

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"We have a chance here to teach industrial and cultural democracy to a world that bitterly needs it." - W.E.B. DuBois

Radical Black Organizing: Fund #BlackWorkersMatter Organizing through the DC Black Workers Center



To learn more, contact Resource Organizer Dominic at dmoulden@onedconline.org.

Join us at the Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 5 - 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Thurgood Marshall Center - 1816 12th St NW, Gymnasium

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 get more involved as a member and a leader? Who is on the Shared Leadership Team and how does it function? Join us to find out! All ages welcome. Food will be served. Please let us know if you need transportation.

[Click here to pay your 2016 membership dues](#)

Membership dues and donations are used to build a people's movement funded

by the people. Join ONE DC and support us in building power with long-time DC residents to organize for an equitable city.

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Freedom School - Dispossession, Displacement, & Resistance

Saturday March 12 - 12:00 - 4:00 PM

St. Stephen's Church - 1525 Newton Street NW

ONE DC's next Freedom School will focus on Dispossession, the second wheel in the 'Four Wheels of Capitalism' (Exploitation, Dispossession, Repression, & Oppression). We will explore the issue of land dispossession & displacement, learn about root, structural causes, and highlight national and international examples of community resistance to dispossession.

Freedom School will include discussion, group breakouts and exercises, videos, fellowship with other ONE DC members, and more. All ages welcome. Food will be served. Please let us know if you need transportation.



ONE DC Freedom Schools are community learning events based on the tradition of the Mississippi Freedom Schools organized by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) during the summer of 1964. The goal of the Freedom Schools was to be "an educational experience for students which will make it possible for them to challenge the myths of our society, to perceive more clearly its realities, and to find alternatives, and ultimately, new directions for action." Using question-posing techniques (the same techniques as popular education and popular theater), the SNCC Freedom Schools were a progressive and radical education project.

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Learning from the Past to Promote Our Future

Wisdom Circle: Collective Courage

On the afternoon of Sunday, February 21, a dozen ONE DC, Cooperation DC, and Black Workers Center members and organizers gathered to discuss *Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic*

Thought and Practice, written by ONE DC and Shared Leadership Team member Jessica Gordon Nembhard.

The group discussion, centered around Part I of *Collective Courage*, highlighted inspiring examples of cooperative groups working toward collective ownership. These examples demonstrate the resiliency of Black communities to build together in the face of extreme prejudice and threats to undermine that collective strength. The group discussion emphasized the importance of political organizing and action in building economic power.

Multiple groups highlighted in the book experienced active attempts to derail or discredit them, and therefore encountered higher incidences of failure than white ventures. The Wisdom Circle posited that without political or legal backing, economic development initiatives today would also encounter similar roadblocks. However, the Wisdom Circle also discussed that by building economic power for ourselves, we might free resources and time to be able to contribute more substantially to critical political efforts to change the structures that create macro-level inequality. There was hope expressed that ONE DC and the Wisdom Circle itself will continue to foster an environment that links politics and economics in critical ways to build Black economic power and dismantle inequitable economic structures.

Overall, through learning examples of cooperative strength, we can both motivate ourselves to strive for success while applying the principles of what works best to achieve longevity in collective economic power. As education is a core element of this cooperative strength, learning of past collective efforts will help us develop better cooperative projects moving forward.

To buy your own copy of *Collective Courage*, email organizer@onedconline.org. Sliding scale \$25- \$40. Proceeds go directly to fund the organizing work of ONE DC.

[**The Wisdom Circle will meet again for Part II of Collective Courage on Sunday, April 3**](#)

[**For more on Collective Courage, Jessica Gordon Nembhard's interview with Laura Flanders can be found here**](#)

Cooperation DC Seeking a Fellow

Through our partnership with Building for Progress, ONE DC is seeking a fellow to support our work. Tasks include:

- Creating graphics that simplify complex housing, work, and other concepts
- Creating popular education materials for ONE DC members and the public
- Researching and writing real-time responses that share the People's Platform perspective on issues
- Supporting our social media organizing efforts
- Joining People's Platform and campaign meetings
- Other ad hoc assignments

The fellow will be paid \$15/hr. The number of hours worked per week is somewhat flexible and can be agreed upon with the coordinator.

Qualifications include:

- Graphic design skills;
- Strong research and writing skills;
- Good communication and interpersonal skills;
- Self-motivated and skilled at working as part of a team;
- Knowledge of Washington, DC issues and organizations;
- Learn about and commit to ONE DC's organizing model;
- A desire to deepen political analysis and learn about the history of social movements;
- Willingness to engage in honest, though constructive, mindful, and compassionate reciprocal critique of work with others.

To apply, please send a resume, writing sample, and graphic design sample to DCWorkerCoops@gmail.com by February 27th. People of color, women, DC residents, and youth are encouraged to apply.

Upcoming Events

Capital Dilemma Book Launch

Thursday, February 25 - 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

School of International Service (SIS) Founders Room, American University,
4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Join us for a breakfast discussion & book launch of [*Capital Dilemma: Growth and Inequality in Washington, DC*](#). The book uncovers and explains the dynamics that have influenced the contemporary economic advancement of Washington, DC. The book talk will feature co-editors Derek Hyra and Sabiyha Prince, as well AU's Dr. Brett Williams.

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This Nonviolent Stuff'll Get You Killed - Author Talk with Charles Cobb

Saturday, February 27 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

The Potter's House - 1658 Columbia Rd NW

In this author talk, Charles E. Cobb Jr. will discuss his book, *This Nonviolent Stuff'll Get You Killed*, which lays bare the paradoxical relationship between the nonviolent civil rights struggle and the long history and importance of African Americans taking up arms to defend themselves against white supremacist violence.

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***Promised Land* - presented by Mosaic Theater Company of DC**

Saturday, February 27 - 8:00 PM

Woolly Mammoth Theater - 641 D St NW

Promised Land is a documentary-infused kaleidoscope chronicling the waves of Sudanese refugees who crossed the desert to enter Israel legally and illegally, finding themselves stranded in a drama of relocation and displacement. We are happy to be co-hosting the show which will feature a post-show discussion with Marybeth Onyeukwu (ONE DC), Mac Hamilton (STAND), and Bob Schlehber

(Mosaic Theater, RPCV Ukraine). We are offering tickets for \$20 dollars with the code "promisecorps".

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Spring Member Orientation

Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM

United Black Fund, 2500 MLK Jr. Ave SE

We welcome all supporters of ONE DC, whether long-time members or new joiners, to join us for our Spring Member Orientation to learn more about ONE DC's mission, committees, campaigns, structure, organizing style, and what it means to be a member of ONE DC.

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One Bit of Good News - A Fresh Look!

The ONE DC office has been repainted! Thank you to TightShift Laboring Coop & our many ONE DC members & volunteers who helped paint & clean, & donated to this effort. Thank you to Moriah Fund & Hill-Snowdon Foundation for small grants toward office revitalization & technology upgrades.



We are giving away office supplies that we no longer need to anyone who wants them. If no one claims by March 4, they will be donated:

- File cabinets
- File folders & hanging folders
- Keyboards
- Binders
- Assorted office supplies
- Artwork & photographs

Email ccook@onedconline.org if you are interested in picking up any of these items. We invite you all to stop by the office to check out the new look!

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