The Monthly Voice

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"Changing the structure and rules of the global economy will require a mass movement based on messages of compassion, justice, and equality, as well as collaborative and democratic processes ... if we stay positive, inclusive, and democratic, we have a truly historic opportunity to build a global movement for social justice." -Medea Benjamin, CODEPINK

Thank You to Our Supporters Who Believe 'Another World is Possible'!

Our members are always finding innovative ways to help ONE DC raise funds. To celebrate her 30th birthday, limay Ho hosted a fundraiser for ONE DC to highlight the Black Workers Center project. Several local businesses were represented at the event: holistic wellness center Freed Bodyworks provided the venue, veggie and gluten-free friendly food were from Zenful Bites, and cupcakes were from Grassroots Gourmet. Folk healer Richael Faithful of the Conjure! Freedom Collective kicked off the evening with a drum meditation on the topic of "seeds we have sown," and Dominic referenced this theme as he shared how ONE DC has sown the seeds of justice in DC for 10 years. Iimay is grateful to have had the chance to support ONE DC through this community celebration!



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Call for Volunteers for ONE DC's Juneteenth/10th Anniversary Celebration

Monday, April 11 - 6:30 - 8:30 PM
ONE DC Office - 614 S St NW, Carriage House

ONE DC is looking for volunteers to assist with the production of the ONE DC Juneteenth/10-year Anniversary Celebration! Using the theme of Soul, Celebration, and Reclamation we are working to develop a day of stellar programming and we need your support. We are building a dynamic team to help in different ways:

- · Developing cultural and creative programming;
- · Executing on the planning and;
- Managing event activities the day of

Interested in bringing your time and talents to one or all of these areas? Come and learn more volunteer opportunities for the ONE DC Juneteenth/10-year anniversary Celebration on April 11th, 6:30 - 8:30pm at the ONE DC office.

Click here to RSVP

This is What the Movement Looks Like!



On February 25, residents from Mt Vernon Plaza and Museum Square united to speak out against eviction by their landlord, Bush Companies. The tenants demand respect and the right to stay in their homes without harassment and intimidation. With the support of ONE DC, API Resistance, and other partners & allies, a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, intergenerational group of over 100 tenants and allies traveled to Arlington, VA to stand up for their human right to housing.

Click here to view photos & summary from the action

Taking action works! Last week, Mount Vernon Plaza residents learned they will receive thousands of dollars in reimbursements after being forced by Bush Companies to overpay on their rent for nearly 2 years. Congratulations Mount Vernon Plaza!

A Moment or a Movement? Why Black Lives Matter on the Path to Equitable Development in Washington, DC

Tuesday, April 5 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Movement building is the focus of the third annual conference on equitable development in Washington, DC co-sponsored by ONE DC and George Washington University. Bringing together residents from all parts of the DC area, organizers, students, developers, elected officials and all who are concerned with sustainable, equitable development, this conference will build on the ongoing efforts to create a more democratic and just community. The day will also include DC Study Tours in the afternoon exploring the themes of resident-led development, community organizing and resistance.

Click here to register for the conference & tour

We still need volunteers to help during the conference & tours. Please email Claire at ccook@onedconline.org if you can volunteer!

Upcoming Events

"Collective Courage" Wisdom Circle, Part II Sunday, April 3 - 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Watha T. Daniel/Shaw 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 and Shared Leadership Team member Jessica Gordon Nembhard.

Click here to RSVP

Democracy Awakening 2016 - Teach, Learn, Transform Saturday, April 16 – 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM

All Souls Church, 1500 Harvard Street NW

Saturday (Emancipation Day) will feature workshops, teach-ins and art at the intersections between voting rights, money and politics and the struggles for a healthy living planet, criminal justice reform, a fair economy, workers rights, empowered young people and more. This is part of a weekend-long mobilization April 16-18 to protect voting rights, get big money out of politics and demand fair consideration of the Supreme Court nominee. Democracy Awakening is a broad coalition of organizations representing the labor, peace, environmental, student, racial justice, civil rights and money in politics reform movements.

Click here for more information

DC May Day March & Rally Sunday, May 1 - 2PM

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

Hill-Snowdon Foundation Maps Black-Led Organizing

"In addition to the 20 or so Black-led organizing groups that we are able to support directly through the MBLM Initiative, we know that there is a much larger ecosystem of dynamic Black-led community organizing groups that are doing important work - but are under-resourced because they are not on the radar of many donors. Consequently a key feature of the MBLM Initiative is to develop an on-line searchable database and of Black-led community organizing groups in the US, so that we can literally put these important groups on the map." -Hill-Snowdon Foundation

Click here to check out the map of Black-led community organizing

ONE Bit of Good News - A Word From a New Member



ONE DC: I went to this meeting last Saturday and I gotta say that - I was a humbled: community people, students, community organizers, LGBT activist, Black Lives Matter activist, young Black, White, Latino and Asian activist, anti-racist activist, homeless and housing activist - all in one organization. I think the group has been working for 10 years. And they train "all" their members. They have a 'Freedom School" that based on the tradition of the Mississippi Freedom Schools organized by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1964. Interesting. Oh, the group has an upcoming fundraiser with Angela Davis and Barbara Ransby. This group is serious about building power for all people.



<u>Thank you Michael for demonstrating what it means to be a ONE DC member! Click here to join today.</u>

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