

The Monthly Voice

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"I'm here because I wish I could wave a magic wand and bring back all of the people that have had to leave DC."

-Ms Ivy Kayira, on why she organizes with ONE DC

Buy Your Tickets for ONE DC's Juneteenth 10th Anniversary Celebration

Join ONE DC in celebrating 10 years of organizing for racial and economic equity in the District!

ONEDC 10TH ANNIVERSARY



Angela Davis
& Barbara
Ransby



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hosted by ONE DC

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GO-GO PARTY
5-11PM // 2445 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW
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Saturday, June 18

1:00 - 4:00 PM - Community Marketplace & Dialogue with Dr. Angela Davis & Dr. Barbara Ransby

Jack Morton Auditorium, George Washington University, 801 21st NW

5:00 - 11:00 PM - Celebration w/ Food, Live Music, & Dancing

Bolivarian Hall, 2445 Massachusetts Ave NW

ONE DC's 10th Anniversary Juneteenth celebration will include a community dialogue on community organizing & movement building featuring Dr. Angela Davis and Dr. Barbara Ransby, and an evening of soul, celebration and reclamation through music and dance. The event will also serve as the kick-off for a major capital fundraising campaign to raise over \$1 million to fund the opening of ONE DC Black Workers Center, as well as to fund another 10 years of organizing for our human rights to housing, income, & wellness in DC. We hope you not only will join us in celebration, but also [make a donation](#) toward our capital campaign.

Visit ONEDC10thAnniversary.org to find out more about transportation,

[childcare](#), and how you can support our 10th Anniversary as a [sponsor](#) or [vendor](#).

[Click here to buy your \\$20 tickets and support ANOTHER 10 YEARS of organizing in DC!](#)

[You can ask to reserve a free or reduced ticket by clicking here.](#)

First Annual East of the River Food Justice Conference

Cooperation DC is involved with others in the planning of the First Annual East of the River Food Justice Conference to support emerging food coops in wards 7 and 8.

There are also other ways to get involved with Cooperation DC:

- **CHILDCARE:** support the development of an emerging childcare cooperative in NW.
- **POPULAR EDUCATION:** Help plan and continue our popular wisdom circle series and other community learning sessions.
- **ORG DEVELOPMENT:** Do you have website, graphic design or social media skills? This is the working group for you!

Email dcworkercoops@gmail.com or contact 202.957.4987 to find out more!

The Black Workers Center at The United Black Fund

ONE DC has been preparing to transform the basement of the United Black Fund into a fully functional and permanent space for the new Black Workers Center. United Black Fund CEO Barry LeNoir has graciously offered to allow ONE DC to use the space for free. LeNoir first heard about ONE DC while we were organizing for the [Marriott Marquis Jobs Training Program](#), and began following the group's activities when ONE DC began protesting a lack of enforcement of DC's First Source hiring law. He says he especially appreciates the relationships that ONE DC fosters in the community, because they form networks of committed individuals working collectively for change.

Now, LeNoir says that he is "honored" to provide ONE DC the space for the District's first Black Workers Center. He says that the United Black Fund is "prepared to support the movement in whatever way possible." According to LeNoir, the United Black Fund's location makes it the ideal space for the DC Black Worker's Center. To him, Ward 8, the ward with the highest unemployment rate, is experiencing an "unemployment nightmare," and the Black Workers Center "goes right into the heart of the challenge." That is why he permitted and encouraged ONE DC to host planning meetings for the Black Workers Center starting in 2015.

The Black Workers Center space will be comprised of two rooms-- one for conference space and one for desk-based community learning and jobs training. ONE DC intends to install computers and redecorate the interior of the space. ONE DC envisions a constant stream of local residents, many of whom

have already committed to be volunteers. The goal is to build power with Black workers and begin reversing what LeNoir called a “flow away of wealth from longtime DC natives and residents.”

This “flow back” will occur through the achievement of the Black Workers Center’s five main goals. Our members envision:

- A center for finding and creating positive, dignified Black work and training.
- An incubation space for alternatives to low-wage work, such as worker cooperatives, collectives, and small businesses created, owned, and operated by Black workers.
- A place to openly discuss the intersection of race and work, particularly what it means to be "working while Black," as well as a place for Black workers to positively recognize their Blackness.
- An environment to challenge bad employers who exploit, cheat, & steal from their workers.
- An educational space to talk about ways to work safer and for more money and benefits.

Join us for the next meeting!

Thursday, June 23rd - 6PM

United Black Fund - 2500 MLK Jr Ave SE

[Click here to RSVP](#)

These goals can only be reached with support from ONE DC supporters. [Click here to donate.](#)

ONE DC is Hiring Part-Time Apprentices Organizers

ONE DC is seeking creative and dynamic individuals with a genuine interest in learning about and getting on-the-ground experience with community organizing. Successful candidates will:

- Support organizing strategy for the People’s Platform, Right to Housing, or Black Workers Center campaigns while collaborating with DC residents and workers, ONE DC staff, and ONE DC members
- Recruit and develop relationships with ONE DC members by conducting roughly 5-10 hours of outreach via phone banking, one-on-one visits, and neighborhood door-knocking per week.
- Assist in the planning and implementation of ONE DC organizational events.
- Support leadership development of ONE DC members, DC residents and workers.
- Perform organizing campaign related administrative tasks, such as updating the Nation Builder database, ONE DC website, or social media as needed.
- Research topics and legislation related to issues the People's Platform or Black Workers Center is working on.
- Attend staff meetings and planning sessions

[Click here for more information and how to apply.](#)

ONE Bit of Good News - Accolades, Awards, & Appreciation

ONE DC Shared Leadership Team Member Jessica Gordon Nembhard Inducted into 2016 Cooperative Hall of Fame



A cooperative ambassador, economist and community economic development expert, Dr. Jessica Gordon Nembhard is author of the recently published book, *Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice*. The result of 15 years of careful research, the book solidifies Gordon Nembhard as a historian of cooperative empowerment and transformation within low-income and minority communities. Her book argues that co-ops not only should be, but have historically been a social justice tool within African American communities.

[Watch the video to learn about Jessica's journey to the Coop Hall of Fame!](#)

Congratulations Jessica!

ONE DC Resource Organizer Dominic Moulden Receives 2016 Maryland-DC Campus Compact Civic Leadership Award

Recognizes an individual who has contributed substantially to the development of civic and community engagement in the Maryland-DC region. Nominees are public servants, non-profit, or other community leaders who have helped to create a culture of community-engagement an improved community life within the Maryland-DC region.

"On behalf of the Yale Chaplains' Office and our group of Chaplaincy Fellows, we want to offer our heartfelt gratitude to ONE DC - the Shared Leadership Team, staff and members. You inspire us and help to remind us that real change is possible through hard work and dedication. Yale's Chaplaincy Fellows are a group of diverse sophomores who spend a week in DC to both learn about community challenges and visit different religious spaces. Our students this year learned so much from your leadership strategy and community empowerment work. One DC has become a role model for what successful but difficult racial justice work can look like. I'm sure our students will implement the lessons they learned from One DC in their own campus activism and beyond. THANK YOU!!!" -Yale students visited ONE DC for a [walking tour](#)

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