



"We need a revolution of the mind. We need a revolution of the heart. We need a revolution of the spirit. The power of the people is stronger than any weapon.

A people's revolution can't be stopped. We need to be weapons of mass construction. Weapons of mass love. It's not enough just to change the system, we need to change ourselves" -[Assata Shakur](#)

Community Celebration & Fundraiser at the ONE DC Black Workers & Wellness Center

We invite you to join us with your family and friends on Saturday, October 20th between 5:00 PM and 11:00 PM for a community celebration at ONE DC's Black Workers and Wellness Center, located at 2500 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE. While enjoying a night of free music, food, and fun, take the opportunity to explore our space and hear from ONE DC members and organizer about how the BWWC supports ONE DC in its goal of creating and maintaining racial and economic equity throughout DC. Sponsored by [Resource Generation - DC](#).

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Fundraiser to support ONE DC's Black Workers & Wellness Center

Bring your family and friends for a night
of music, dancing, and community

building to support the renovations to
this new community organizing space!

Saturday, October 20th

5 PM - 11 PM

2500 MLK Jr Ave SE

DONATE:
onedconline.org/bwwcdonate

[Click here to donate the Black Workers & Wellness Center Capital Campaign.](#)

Black Workers & Wellness Center

In ONE DC's 2014 People's Progress Report, we published a "time capsule for 2019," a list of visionary goals we aimed to achieve by 2019. One of those goals has become a reality – the opening of the ONE DC Black Workers & Wellness Center in our own community-controlled space at 2500 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE. The ONE DC Black Workers and Wellness Center (BWWC) is a resident-led space that creates and maintains racial and economic justice through popular education, direct action, and the creation of worker-owned alternatives. Here are a few updates from 2018:

- Begun hosting bi-monthly workers rights clinics with the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs

WASHINGTON LAWYERS' COMMITTEE
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Workers Rights Clinic

Free Legal Advice on Employment Matters
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WEDNESDAY CLINIC (NW)
-Every Wednesday evening, 6pm-9pm
- Sign-up between 5pm-7pm, first come, first served
- Bread for the City NW
- 1525 7th St. NW, Washington, DC 20001

FRIDAY CLINIC (SE)
- 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 12pm-3:30pm By appointment only
- Call 202-319-1000 x138 to make an appointment
- ONE DC Black Workers' Center
- 2500 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20020

SATURDAY CLINIC (SE)
- Last Saturday of each month, 10am-1pm
- Sign-up between 9:45am-11am, first come, first served
- Bread for the City SE
- 1540 Good Hope Rd. SE, Washington, DC 20020

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- Unpaid Wages/Overtime
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- Hosted events and provided meeting space for several partner organizations working for racial and economic equity in DC, such as Family & Friends of Incarcerated People, DC Paid Family Leave Coalition, DC Jobs with Justice, and Grassroots DC
- Fundraised \$725,000 out of the \$2,000,000 needed to renovate the building into a state-of-the-art community center

Support the Clean Energy DC Act!

Have you noticed, amidst all this political intensity, how Planet Earth is also shouting out to be heard? Endless rain in DC. Arctic lakes bubbling with escaping methane. Temperature record after record. Fortunately, Earth has YOU on her team. You believe that climate change is real. You know that we must immediately change our ways. You are willing to fight for a clean energy economy that is healthy, respectful, and good.



Tuesday's hearing is a huge milestone in over two years of rallying for strong clean energy and climate action in DC. We need you there to show overwhelming community support for members of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment. Any Councilmembers dragging their feet will understand that delay on the Clean Energy DC Act is unacceptable.

National press recently declared Clean Energy DC as the "[strongest climate bill in the country](#)." For one, it would require 100% clean electricity in DC by 2032. The bill also includes groundbreaking energy efficiency standards for existing buildings, which are the largest source of local pollution, as well as new funding for the Green Bank and Sustainable Energy Utility.

What: Clean Energy DC Act Hearing at DC Council

When: Tuesday, October 9th 11:00am - 2:00pm

Where: John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania NW

Why: To show up in force for the Clean Energy DC Act and encourage DC Council to pass this bill!

RSVP: [RSVP today!](#) or [RSVP on Facebook](#)

We encourage you to submit written testimony in support of the Clean Energy DC Act to the committee staff, Ms. Benjamin, at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Written testimony will be accepted until October 23rd.

Can't make it? Send a letter to Councilmember McDuffie TODAY and urge him to support the Clean Energy DC Act - his support is crucial to passing this bill!

DC Palestinian Film & Arts Festival 2018

ONE DC is proud to serve as a community partner for the 8th Annual DC Palestinian Film & Arts Festival! From October 2-7, DCPFAF 2018 features 13 films, three hands-on tatreez and painting workshops, Spotlight Artist Saleh Bakri, and stand-up comedy with Mona Aburmishan! **Several events have sold out but there are still free events open to the public:**

The Palestine Pop Up

Friday, October 5, 2018

6:00 PM 9:00 PM

1615 M Street Northwest

Featuring Watan, Tatreez & Tea, Levantian, and Threads of Palestine

STAND-UP COMEDY // Mona Aburmishan

Sunday, October 7, 2018

6:00 PM 7:00 PM

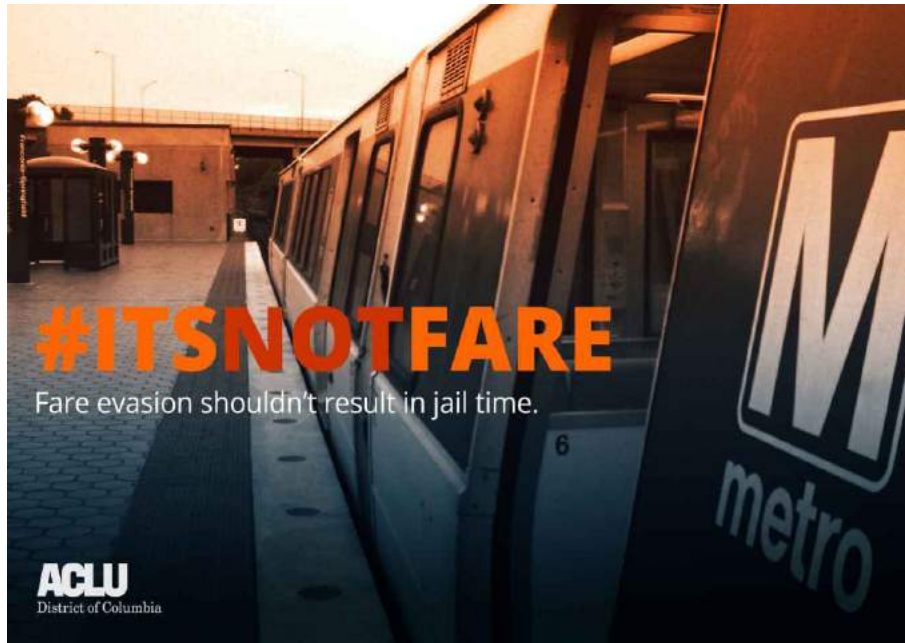
The Kennedy Center ([map](#))

Closing out the 8th annual DCPFAF on the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage with stand-up comedian Mona Aburmishan. Show is free and open to the public.

[Click here for full program & tickets](#)

#ItsNotFare - Decriminalize Fare Evasion!

Currently, fare-evasion in the District is considered a crime that can result in arrest, up to 10 days in jail, and a fine of up to \$300. **The Fare Evasion Decriminalization Act of 2017** ([Bill 22-408](#)) would make fare evasion a civil offense punishable by a fine of no more than \$100. Bill 22-408 recognizes that no one should have to face arrest or jail time for not affording a fare. The punishment does not fit the offense, and enforcement of such laws disproportionately impacts poor communities and communities of color.



The Facts:

- **Fare evasion stops and arrests target District residents.** Fare evasion is not a crime in Virginia, and WMATA's own reports show that most enforcement takes place in the District.
- **Fare evasion enforcement is racist.** A [recent report](#) by the Washington Lawyers' Committee For Civil Rights and Urban Affairs found that fare evasion in DC is enforced almost exclusively against black riders, and studies of other jurisdictions (such as [New York](#), [Portland](#) and [Minneapolis](#)) reveal that people of color are stopped more often than their white counterparts on suspicion of fare evasion and are arrested and cited at much higher rates when they've been identified as evading a fare.
- **Fare evasion arrests harm those who rely on metro the most.** One in five District residents live in poverty, and many rely on metro transit as their primary mode of transportation. Because metro fares are distance based, these residents also have the highest cost burden because they must travel long distances to get to jobs, schools, doctors, and other services they rely upon. By continuing to criminalize fare evasion, we are saddling the most economically insecure with the threat of jail time and unreasonable fines. Someone who cannot pay a Metro fare certainly cannot pay a \$300 fine.
- **Fare evasion arrests are costly.** A simple citation or misdemeanor arrest can affect a person's livelihood, can lead to parole being revoked for a returning citizen, and can affect a person's immigration status. In addition to the human cost, arresting and jailing people for fare evasion diverts critical D.C. resources from addressing serious crimes, and ultimately harms public safety efforts. Taxpayer funds would be better spent investing in underserved communities in the District.
- **Fare evasion arrests are not an effective means of deterring fare evasion or of preventing other crimes.** The belief that penalizing low-level crimes will prevent worse crimes, known as broken-windows policing,

is a [failed and discredited approach](#) that led to the mass incarceration epidemic in this country.

- **Fare evasion stops have resulted in excessive use of force against riders by police.** There have been multiple news stories in recent years of Metro transit officers using [excessive force](#) on riders they stopped on suspicion of fare evasion. Interactions like this are not only dangerous, they harm community trust in law enforcement. There is also no independent civilian oversight of Metro Transit Police when riders have complaints about officer misconduct, harassment, or discrimination.
- **Fare evasion arrests do not make money for Metro.** WMATA makes the claim that it is losing \$20 million annually from fare evasion, but it has been unable to back this up with evidence. The fact is that we don't know how much fare evasion costs, but we do know that WMATA's ridership has [decreased over the past few years](#), and that has been attributed to service cuts, crashes, general unreliability, and the rise of ride-sharing companies like Lyft and Uber. WMATA should not make fare evasion the scapegoat for its shortcomings.
- **D.C. would not be the first jurisdiction to decriminalize fare evasion.** The District would be joining several other jurisdictions that have already decriminalized fare evasion.

A parking ticket does not result in potential jail time, and failure to pay Metro fare should not either. It's time to change our broken system.

What Can I do?

- [Contact the members of the D.C. Council's Judiciary Committee TODAY](#) and tell them to **vote for Bill 22-408** when it is scheduled for mark-up this fall.
- On social media, tweet or share your support for the bill, using the hashtag #itsnotfare
- [Print out](#) this sheet and post a photo of why YOU support the decriminalizing fare evasion.
- For more information, [read the ACLU-DC's testimony on Bill 22-408](#) here.

Occupation Free DC

For years, top officials at DC's Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) have participated in trainings with Israeli military and police, institutions which enforce an illegal military occupation over the Palestinian people. As DC residents, we should oppose all police trainings that use military occupation and state violence as a model.



Take these steps to invest in our community and clear a path for real safety in Washington, DC:

1. [Sign this petition](#) demanding that the DC Council and Police Chief Newsham cease local participation in training exercises with discriminatory trainers, like Israel's police and military, which violate DC's Human Rights Act.
2. [Watch and share this video](#) to learn more and spread the word about our local campaign to achieve real safety by investing in our community, instead of in violent and biased policing.
3. [Attend Occupation Free DC Organizing Meeting](#). Wednesday, October 10, 7-9pm. Email info@occupationfreedc.org for location

Upcoming Events

Rally to Support the Nicholson Street Rent Strike

Friday, October 12 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM

1320 Nicholson St NW

Hosted by LEDC

The residents of 1320 Nicholson St NW have lived in terrible conditions for years: the building's roof Leaks, ceilings are caving in, there's mold in the walls, and many of the apartments are infested with bedbugs. The landlord has promised to make repairs but never followed through. Now tenants are ready to fight back. They've informed the landlord and the management company that unless repairs are made by October 1, they're going to launch a rent strike. Tenants understand that the landlord's neglect isn't an accident; it's a strategy to make money. Like many slumlords, the owner is trying to use the bad conditions to push residents out of their rent-controlled apartments so he can bring in new tenants who will pay much higher rents. Tenants have seen the same thing happen throughout the neighborhood and the city, and affordable apartment buildings are emptied and flipped into luxury condos. But they won't allow themselves to be pushed out of Brightwood, a neighborhood that's been their home for decades. Tenants at 1320 Nicholson are preparing to strike a blow against displacement, but they need the community's support. Join them and show your solidarity on Friday, October 12!

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Jobs with Justice Organizing & Leadership Training

October 12 - October 14

Washington, DC - Location TBA

Hosted by DC Jobs with Justice

This three-day training is for community leaders, organizers, youth groups, unions, parent groups, faith leaders and parishioners, and advocates and activists that are not a part of an organization. The training will focus on strengthening relationships, building power, agitation, and accountability. Learn more about the training program. The fee for the training is \$250.00 for the entire training per individual - scholarships are available for those individuals or organizations with financial need. For more information please contact Sequenly Gray at sequenley@dcjwj.org or 202-674-2847.

[Click here to register](#)

Days of Actions vs Wells Fargo

Friday, October 12 - Saturday, October 27

DMV - Locations TBA

Hosted by Climate First

Starting on Friday, October 12th, and continuing until Saturday, October 27th, we and our allies will run—for the 19th consecutive month in a row—"Days of Actions" against Wells Fargo bank for its funding of the Keystone XL pipeline and other fossil fuel projects. Join us for peaceful direct actions at Wells Fargo branches in Washington, DC, and possibly a soon-to-be-determined location in Virginia.

[Click here for more info and to RSVP](#)

DC ReInvest Fall Kickoff Meeting

Saturday, October 13 - 12:00 to 3:00 PM

50 F St NW (near Union Station) 8th floor

Hosted by DC ReInvest Coalition

As the campaign continues to push DC to divest from banks that invest in private prisons, racist lending practices, and fossil fuel pipelines, we now have the opportunity to push forward a concrete vision for reinvestment. DC Council is deciding whether or not to establish a public bank based on their ongoing study. It's up to us to push forward a progressive and just vision of what we do want our taxpayer money to be invested in, right here in DC. We'll also continue to build momentum for victory on the bill that would both divest DC from Wells Fargo and increase banks' accountability to low-income communities in the District! All organizations that are part of / have been part of DCReInvest AND anyone who's interested in getting involved. LUNCH will be provided!

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Cops and Queers: The History of the Police and the LGBTQ+ Community in DC

Thursday, October 18 - 6:30 to 9:00 PM

Thurgood Marshall Center - 1816 12th St NW

Hosted by Rainbow History Project

On October 18th, Rayceen Pendarvis will moderate an historical discussion with Earline Budd, Craig Howell, Mindy Daniels, Dee Curry, and Brett Parson on the intersection between the LGBTQ+ community and the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, DC. Tickets are free and not required for admission, but please RSVP so that we can have an accurate head count.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Mary Church Terrell Documentary Screening

Thursday, October 18 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Howard University Founders Library, Browsing Room - 500 Howard Place NW

Hosted by DC Preservation League

Learn about the life of Mary Church Terrell. Free and open to the public.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

A Place to Call Home - Author Talk with Ernesto Castañeda

Friday, October 19 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM

The Potter's House - 1658 Columbia Rd NW

In *A Place to Call Home*, Ernesto Castañeda offers a uniquely comparative portrait of immigrant expectations and experiences. Drawing on fourteen years of ethnographic observation and hundreds of interviews with documented and undocumented immigrants and their children, Castañeda sets out to determine how different locations can aid or disrupt the process of immigrant integration. Focusing on New York City, Paris, and Barcelona—immigration hubs in their respective countries—he compares the experiences of both Latino and North African migrants, and finds that subjective understandings, local contexts, national and regional history, and religious institutions are all factors that profoundly impact the personal journey to belonging.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

National Day of Protest Against Police Terror

Monday, October 22 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Gallery Place - Chinatown Metro Station

Hosted by Stop Police Terror Project-DC

Since 1996, October 22nd has been marked as a national day of protest against police brutality. As the September 6th murder of Botham Jean by a Dallas police officer has reminded us, the scourge of police terror - and the racist criminalization, harassment, and mass incarceration that go along with it - is as acute, unjust, and outrageous as ever. Join us on the evening of Monday, October 22, 2018, as we march and rally to condemn racist police terror, remember those who have been lost, and vow to continue the fight to put an end to racist police terror, harassment, and mass incarceration.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

DECOLONIZE: A Knowledge & Skill Share Un-Conference

Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28th

George Mason University - 4400 University Dr, Fairfax, VA

Hosted by La Raza for Liberation

This unique two-day event is a radical space for people of color who are ready to listen, learn, teach, engage, and build. Our goal is bring together activists across human, animal, and environmental justice movements to better understand each other, challenge each other, and create new projects together.

Please RSVP by ordering a free ticket at eventbrite.com/e/decolonize-a-knowledge-skill-share-un-conference-tickets-49744112981 Contact info@larazaforliberation.org for more information.

D.C. History Conference

November 1 - November 4

University of the District of Columbia - 4200 Connecticut Avenue NW

The annual D.C. History Conference, formerly known as the Annual Conference on D.C. History, is a collaboration between the Historical Society of Washington, D.C., George Washington University, DC Public Library, and DC Office of Public Records. Since 1973, the mission of the conference has been to provide a friendly and rigorous forum for discussing and promoting original research about the history of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The 2018 conference explores themes related to “Mobility, Migration, and Movement,” including the creation of Metro, the impact of migration to the region, and the bicentennial of the birth of Frederick Douglass, a man for whom mobility meant an escape to freedom. The conference will explore the complex meanings of mobility, migration, and movement in a city that has witnessed the Great Migration of African Americans and has the second-largest community of El Salvadoran residents in the United States.

[Click here for more info & to register](#)

Book Talk: Barbara Ransby, *Making All Black Lives Matter*

Monday, November 19 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Busboys and Poets - 14th St & V

Join activist and writer Barbara Ransby to discuss her new book, *Making All Black Lives Matter*, a historical analysis of the Black Lives Matter Movement. The purpose of the book is to stimulate discussion about the Black Freedom Movement, Black feminist influences in it, and the best ways to build coalition and movements for social justice and a new society.

[Click here for more information](#)

ONE Bit of Good News

Congratulations to ONE DC organizer Nawal Rajeh for being named a Baltimore Community Mediation Center's Peacemaker of the Year! Nawal is founder of the Peace Camp, a summer program in Baltimore utilizing arts, games and literacy to teach conflict resolution skills for youth. It is a project of By Peaceful Means. [You can learn more about the Peace Camp and By Peaceful Means here.](#)



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