



"Freeing yourself was one thing; claiming ownership of that freed self was another."

-Toni Morrison

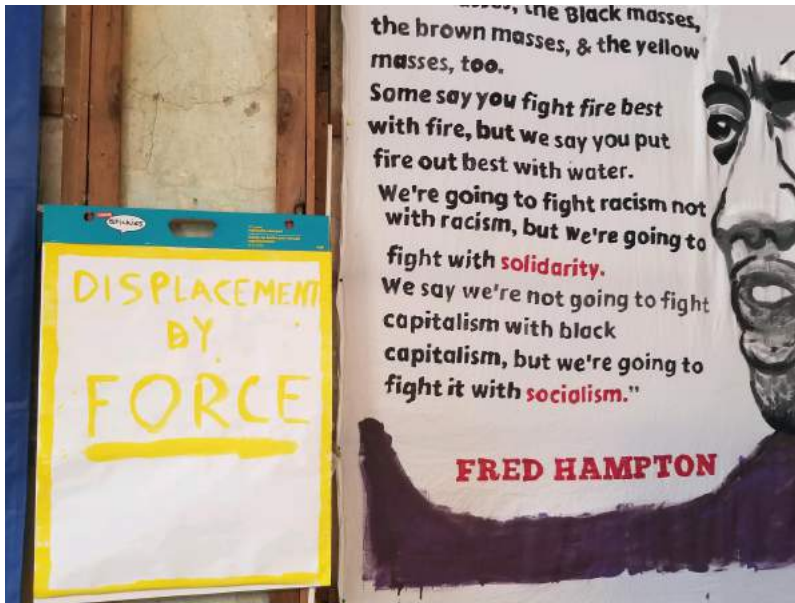
Right to Housing Mini-Assembly



Right to housing members participate in an interactive map of experiences with displacement in DC: "She couldn't ever afford to buy her home."



"My grandmother lives in Northeast. They're watching their neighborhood change. They get cold calls of people wanting to buy their home."



Displacement by force is one way long-time DC residents have lost their homes: "I became a victim of domestic violence. And then I actually lost my housing voucher since they said I had too much money in my account."



“My mom and I kept falling into the cracks. I went straight from being a ward of the state to case closed homeless at 17.”



“We want you to think big. We want you to think about institutions.”



Participants share their experiences of landlord neglect in DC within breakout groups: “The whole soap dish was black from mold. Then they hired inexperienced workers who mishandled it.”



Some people felt they couldn't be secure in housing unless they could afford to buy a house: “The system is responsible and they keep doing it to us. They wouldn't do this if it was white people.”



“We want to take our anger and our issues to DCHA, DCRA and Mayor Bowser. We need to study and reflect before we can assess and attack.”



Nae came to the Right to Housing Mini-Assembly to fight for justice, just like her idol Ida B. Wells.

Next up for ONE DC’s Right to Housing Committee is the Freedom School. We’ll dive deeper into the issues raised by participants in the mini assembly: Displacement by Force and Landlord Neglect. All of this work will lead to our city-wide People’s Assembly in the Fall. To get involved, email Patrick at pgregoire@onedconline.org or call 202.232.2915.

Organizing for Liberation - Donate toward the BWWC Renovations



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The ONE DC Black Workers & Wellness Center is a member-led community & wellness space in Anacostia that builds racial & economic justice through popular education, organizing toward sustainable employment, & the incubation of economic alternatives such as worker cooperatives.

We are an organization with a membership base comprised of longtime DC residents who have been directly affected by displacement, gentrification, and structural unemployment. Our organizing model centers the voices of those who are ignored by wealthy developers and government officials. **Our strength comes in numbers, and need YOU to help us build political strength in the District.**

When you donate to our BWWC Capital Fundraising campaign, you are joining hundreds of others in making a community-controlled Black-led space in DC a reality. [Please give today!](#)

Upcoming Events

Liberation Flix: Eyes on the Prize, "Power!"

Saturday, August 10 - 4:00 - 7:00 PM

The Justice Center - 617 Florida Ave NW

Organized by Party for Socialism & Liberation

The Party for Socialism & Liberation's Black Liberation summer film series continues with the series Eyes on the Prize, featuring the episode "Power!," which highlights Black power in its various forms throughout the 1960s and 1970s, such as the Black Panther Party for Self Defense. Light refreshments will be provided. Films will be followed by a group discussion. Donations of \$5-10 will be accepted via cash or card at the door, though no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Defend Healthcare East of the River!

Thursday, August 22 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

United Medical Center - 1310 Southern Ave SE, Conference Room 2 & 3

Organized by the DC Health Justice Coalition

The fight for UMC and access to quality health care East of the River is not over. On August 22nd, Ward 7 and 8 community leaders are meeting to discuss improving the access to healthcare East of River. UMC is set to close in January 2023 and there are discussions of a new hospital on the St. Elizabeths campus. The community must be a part of these discussions and it is time to strategize. Join US!

Working While Black Expo

Saturday, August 24 & Sunday, August 25

Coppin State University - Baltimore, MD

Organized by the National Black Worker Center Project

Join the National Black Worker Center Project for the first annual Working While Black Expo. Enjoy a weekend-long Black worker empowerment gathering with music, food, workshops, an apprenticeship fair, film festival, dynamic speakers, not-to-be-missed workshops, and discussions that will engage, surprise, challenge, and educate.

blackworkerexpo.org

Admin & Member Engagement Meeting

Tuesday, August 27 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

ONE DC Black Workers & Wellness Center - 2500 MLK Jr Ave SE

Admin & Member Engagement committee is made up of ONE DC members, staff, and new volunteers, and is responsible for organizing administrative support for the organization as a whole, such as our communications, website, social media, grassroots fundraising, event logistical support, and other needs for ONE DC organizing campaigns and programs. It is a space where ONE DC members and supporters, both new and long-time, can learn more about ONE DC, find out what's upcoming, and engage in the real, everyday work of the organization.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Serve Your City Summer Programs

An invitation for students ages 9-17 to join Serve Your City to try a new sport, get centered, and learn new skills!

- **Rowing:** Mondays and Wednesdays | 5pm-7pm | Anacostia Boathouse | Ages 11+
- **Swimming:** Tuesdays and Thursdays | 5pm-7pm | Randall Pool | Ages 9+
- **Yoga:** Mondays and Thursdays | 1:30pm-3pm | Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (near Eastern Market Metro) | Ages 9-15
- **Tennis:** Fridays, starting July 26 | 6pm-8pm | Eastern High School | Ages 9+

ONE Piece of Good News - ONE DC is hiring!

We are looking for 3 exceptional organizers who are passionate about grassroots community organizing and committed to the struggle for liberation.

We are currently hiring for the following positions:

- [Resource Organizer \(full-time\)](#)
- [Black Workers & Wellness Center Organizer \(full-time\)](#)
- [Black Workers & Wellness Center Coop Organizer \(part-time\)](#)

Please share with your networks!

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