



“Today on Juneteenth, the day we celebrate the end of slavery, the day we memorialize those who offered us hope for the future and the day when we renew our commitment to the struggle for freedom.”

- [Angela Davis](#)

ONE DC's Annual Juneteenth Celebration

On Juneteenth, our members came together for our Juneteenth Celebration and to commemorate our historic Black Workers and Wellness Center.

After 5 years of grassroots fundraising and 1.5 years of renovations, we celebrated our [Black Workers & Wellness Center](#), a community-controlled space in Anacostia where we organize for racial and economic justice through popular education, direct action, and worker-owned economic alternatives. The BWWC strives to transform and subvert the capitalist system which exploits and under-employs, through its emphasis on dignified and sustainable work.

You can see videos of the speakers and performers on our [instagram page](#). Thank you to all of our members, supporters, and partners who joined us to celebrate and who helped make the opening of the BWWC possible!

As our BWWC finishes up the last phases of its renovation, we look forward to holding more events there soon. This is only the beginning of many more exciting events at the BWWC!



Tenants March in Funeral Procession to Anita Bond's House



On June 1st, (the 15th rent day since the pandemic began), Cancel Rent DC held a funeral procession to Councilmember Anita Bond's house to highlight the serious impacts that housing insecurity and evictions will have on our communities if the Council does not take bold decisive action to Cancel the Rent. "It was hot and muggy" said ONE DC member Angie Whitehurst, "Actually, too miserable to be out except for the fact that the message of the people demanding the rent be cancelled was, and still is, critical."

We held space for tenants to talk about the grave effects COVID-19 has had on them and their families, joined together in prayer, song, and a moment of silence. At the end, we created an altar to honor those lost and displaced through the pandemic. Anita Bonds did not come out to talk to the tenants. Ms. Angie said, "We all reached council member Anita Bonds' House and speakers chanted and demanded that she do her job! Ms. Trayci gave a heart breaking oration on how with the vivid crisis she lost her job, home, and everything. Of course Bonds missed the whole thing."

Cancel Rent DC is a coalition of 10 community organization, representing thousands of District residents, united to prevent mass eviction and displacement of long-time residents from the District, especially Black and Brown residents, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can see more pictures and videos on Cancel Rent DC's [instagram page](#).

Tenant justice is racial justice! [Join the Right to Housing Committee to Cancel the Rent!](#)

Right to Income's Guaranteed Income Campaign

Right to Income is the Black Workers and Wellness Center's anchor organizing campaign for long-time D.C. residents seeking better labor conditions, living wage work, and cooperative economics. Right to Income works on unwinding practices that have systematically disadvantaged low-wage workers and contribute to their chronic economic insecurity.

The committee is currently reading *Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought & Practice* by Dr. Jessica Gordon-Nembhard to collectively study the solidarity economy and its role in Black history.

As the cost of living goes up each year due to gentrification and employment opportunities dwindle due to the COVID -19 pandemic and changing landscape, Black people are left behind to fail. In March 2021, the Right to Income Committee decided to launch a Guaranteed Income campaign to address the immediate financial needs of D.C. residents. Guaranteed Income is used interchangeably with Universal Basic Income but Guaranteed Income targets individuals who need the supplemental income the most.

[Join the Right to Income Committee to fight for guaranteed income!](#)

2021 Catalogue of Philanthropy



After an intentional application and selection process, the [Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington](#) has selected ONE DC to be part of the Class of 2021-22. ONE DC has undergone a rigorous review process conducted by a team of 170+ local community advocates, and has been found to be a critical local nonprofit. Potential donors can be confident that the nonprofits in the Catalogue are worthy of their support.

This year, the Catalogue's volunteer review team helped select 87 nonprofits to feature in the print edition, almost half of which are new to the Catalogue this year. Over 70% of the organizations are women-led, and over 40% are BIPOC-led. The network now includes 400+ vetted nonprofits working in the arts, education, environment, and human services sectors throughout Greater Washington.

We are proud to be accepted into the Catalogue for Philanthropy's 2021-22 Class as #OneoftheBest local nonprofits!

New Staff Announcement!

We are thrilled to welcome Bunny Jackson and Grace Guber officially to the staff of ONE DC!



Grace Guber
Communications Organizer



Bunny Jackson
Administrative and Finance Organizer

Featured Articles:

Scenes From Juneteenth: America's Newest Holiday, 156 Years in the Making

Read in [The New York Times](#)

Featuring ONE DC Members Imani Fox and Maurice Cook.

Standing at the site in Galveston, Texas, where on June 19, 1865, a Union general signed an order notifying enslaved African Americans that they were free, the artist Reginald C. Adams marveled at the moment he found himself in. What would a Black man of that era think about seeing him, another Black man, painting a massive mural commemorating emancipation, he wondered. “I realized, ‘Reginald, you are your ancestors’ wildest imagination,’” Mr. Adams said.

The celebration of emancipation of Black Americans has long been a regional holiday observed mainly in Texas, which was the first state to formally recognize it in 1980, but it gained wider recognition last summer amid a national reckoning over killings by the police and persistent racial inequities in America. Major corporations and several states adopted Juneteenth as a paid holiday, and on Thursday it took on new significance when President Biden signed legislation designating it a federal holiday. “Now, Juneteenth is on the mass consciousness of America,” Mr. Adams said.

Maurice Cook, the executive director of Serve Your City, a nonprofit that supports minority students, said he was pleased the holiday had gained prominence, but noted that it did little to address the underlying problems of racism and economic inequality. “Juneteenth is more about a global justice that we’re still waiting for,” he said, as he sat listening to the celebrations taking place in the Washington, D.C., neighborhood of Anacostia. “We lose people on a daily basis.” Mr. Cook, 50, grew up in Maryland celebrating the holiday with family, “loving each other, being together.” “We have to celebrate that we survived,” he said.

Others balked at the government’s move to recognize the holiday. Imani Fox, who was at the same Washington event as Mr. Cook, said it was an empty

gesture if members of Congress were also [standing in the way of protecting voting rights](#). “It being recognized as a federal holiday does not do much for Black people,” said Ms. Fox, 24.

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On Juneteenth, ONE DC Celebrates Reopening of Black Workers and Wellness Center

Read in [DCist](#)

Organizers with ONE DC and their broader community celebrated the reopening of the new Black Workers and Wellness Center in Anacostia on Saturday. Located on Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. right across from the Anacostia metro station, the newly renovated center is the result of a five-year fundraising campaign by ONE DC to own a space outright and use it for the purpose of building community power around racial and economic justice.

Maurice Cook, the executive director of the youth-focused nonprofit Serve Your City, says it was fitting to celebrate the center’s reopening on Juneteenth — a holiday that celebrates the day in 1865 when enslaved Black people in Galveston, Texas were informed that slavery was officially over.

“What a wonderful bridge to Jubilee and to Juneteenth 2021,” said Cook. “I feel our ancestors in our hearts, and I believe they would be extremely proud of us.”

Shakeara Mingo and Patrick Gregoire on NBC Washington



Click [here](#) to watch

Upcoming ONE DC Meetings & Events

Right to Income Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 1 - 6:30 PM

ONE DC's Right to Income Committee works with long-time DC residents to fight for decent, dignified, and sustainable jobs for everyone who wants it and the creation of alternative project developments. The current crisis has caused a severe spike in joblessness for an unprecedented number of D.C. residents.

Working-class Black families are especially impacted by the pandemic and the public health response to it. Join us this Thursday as we strategize around Guaranteed Income in the District.

[RSVP here](#)

Right to Housing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 8 - 6:30 PM

Join us every other Thursday at 6:30 PM ONLINE to strategize, create and share popular and political education, conduct outreach to the community and take bold direct actions to build and secure community control of housing and Cancel the Rent! All ages are welcome!

[RSVP here](#)

Right to Resource Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 13 - 6:30 PM

The Resource Development Committee is responsible for grant-writing and fundraising for ONE DC. Join a dynamic team to help raise funds for our organizing work!

[RSVP here](#)

ONE DC Member Orientation

Tuesday, July 27 - 6:00 PM

Join us for ONE DC's next Member Orientation, where you will learn about: ONE DC Mission, Vision, & Values; Our organizing model and principles; Our history, shared leadership model, and organizational structure; What it means to be a ONE DC member

[RSVP here](#)

Community Announcements & Events

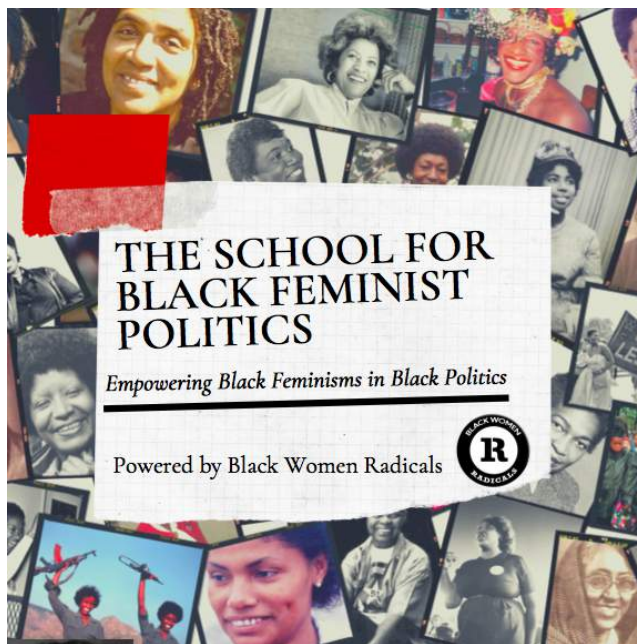
PACA: Assata Shakur Study Group

Wednesday, July 14 - 7:00 - 9:00



Sign up to register [here](#)

Support The School for Black Feminist Politics Fundraiser



The School for Black Feminist Politics (SBFP) is a Black feminist political education initiative and hub powered by Black Women Radicals. Established in 2020, the mission of SBFP is to empower Black Feminisms in Black Politics by expanding the field from transnational, intersectional, and multidisciplinary perspectives. The SBFP's goal is to illuminate what has often been obscured and neglected in regards to our Black feminist histories, political memories, and productions, so that our past, present, and future understandings of Black feminist thought and behavior can be understood more fully and completely.

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