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## ***Movement Strategy Center's June 2021 Community News***



[Sylvia Rivera](#) is considered a pivotal figure and is responsible for the "T" in LGBTQIA. Photo Credit: AP Photo/Justin Sutcliffe

**Summer is here, friends!** We hope you're enjoying the weather and planning a slightly more normal season with friends, family, and maybe even some travel. That said, the last 14 or 15 months have been tough. Everyone needs to take the time and care they need as we return to a new normal. Some of us are already boarding planes; some of us are barely ready to eat lunch at a sidewalk restaurant. *And that's okay!*

June is **Pride Month**. This is our chance to honor the legacies of LGBTQIA folks — so many of whom were **BIPOC and Trans** — who spoke up and spoke out and, in turn, made it a bit easier and safer for subsequent generations to be who they are. After four dark years, the Biden Administration has **officially recognized Pride Month** and vowed to fight for full equality for all LGBTQIA Americans. We also acknowledge that our Trans brothers and sisters are still being targeted with violence and a spate of proposed **state-level legislation** that compromises the safety of so many lives.

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has federally acknowledged this celebration). So we also celebrate the stories of both the newest arrivals to this country and those of us whose parents and grandparents and great-grandparents came here — many with nothing — to build better lives for their families and contribute to the rich tapestry that is America.

As for MSC — we are looking for a full-time Senior Grant Writer/Development Manager. We also invite you to join us on Instagram (please follow and like!) and check out our brand new website. Bear in mind that we are still working out a few kinks, and there is more to come — a careers portal, MSC resources, and profiles for our partner organizations. But we're off to a beautiful start!

**Now, read on for some happenings from the MSC ecosystem:**



### Vision Power Solutions

How do we define our own challenges, strengths, priorities, biggest threats, and unique approaches to resilience, climate, and justice? The [National Association of Climate Resilience Planners](#), with [Facilitating Power](#), [Climate Innovation](#), and the [NAACP](#), is hosting a [monthly Vision Power Solutions workshop series](#) to build facilitative leadership among Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities. This month's workshop, Power to the People: Fueling the Revolution for (Energy) Justice, will be led by MSC Board Member Jacquie Patterson on June 17th. Register [here](#).

### Waging Peace with Fierce Love

In April, [Root. Rise. Pollinate!](#) hosted Waging Peace with Fierce Love, a conversation and mind-body-spirit practice with feminist change-makers across the globe. They are excited to share some of the fruit that has come out of the event, including a link to the event's [video recording](#) and [chat](#), as well as the [event's music playlist](#). In addition to other embodied conversations, Root. Rise. Pollinate! plans to offer workshops that allow for even more engagement in the upcoming weeks, so stay tuned!



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## Social Change

Join Weyam Ghadbian, of [Weyam Healing & Conflict Transformation](#), and Jovida Ross, of [Real Food Real Stories](#), for their next transformative conflict workshop series, starting June 11th. The series, *Turning Towards Each Other: Navigating Conflict for Social Change*, centers on building collective conflict resilience and turning toward the gifts of conflict as a means of building trust, clarifying strategies, and learning about ourselves and each other. Register for the three-part series [here](#).

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