Movement Strategy Center's
October 2021 Community News
Spooky season is here, but the thing we’re most scared of is the continued lack of government action in regards to the climate emergency. This past Monday — Indigenous Peoples’ Day — dozens of Indigenous-led climate activists have taken to the streets of Washington D.C., protesting outside the White House and demanding President Biden take meaningful action and end our dependence on fossil fuels once and for all. We are inspired by the collective organizing of climate activists and scientists alike. More than 330 American scientists just sent a letter to the president urging him to use his executive authority to stop all new fossil fuel projects and declare a climate emergency.

Their message is clear: we need to move off fossil fuels and transition to 100 percent renewable energy for people and the planet. And solutions are abundant.

Indigenous communities have always understood land preservation and stewardship, and their practices are no-brainer climate solutions. Now, some corporate executives are investing in these time-tested strategies across agriculture, fishing, and land management. We celebrate the amplification of Indigenous wisdom — but solutions must center on and directly benefit Indigenous communities. That’s where local organizing comes in — we salute the grassroots organizers who got California to change the name of a state park. It’s an acknowledgement, important visibility, and a step in the right direction for Indigenous communities.

With all of this in mind we urge all of you to vote next month. Register now. So many communities across the country are gearing up for elections, and we fear with stalled legislative agendas in Washington D.C., many may not feel inspired to vote. Your vote does matter! And local elections are just as important as national elections — with many having an outsized role in issues regarding climate and preservation.

Virginia and Pennsylvania are electing governors; and Boston and D.C. are preparing to elect new mayors. The outcome of these and other elections will determine state and local climate action initiatives (not to mention voting rights and other important issues).

Our message to the Biden Administration is simple: put an end to all pipeline construction, especially through sacred lands. We must shut down all residential schools, and actually support Native nations. And our message to you: vote! Together, we can support the policies that support the transformative change we so desperately need.

Now, read on for some happenings from the MSC ecosystem:
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Join us for this dynamic two-part body-based exploration of practices and techniques for developing stronger boundaries with facilitator and licensed therapist Shawn Soderston.

Register: https://bit.ly/bbgboundaries
matrice@brownboiproject.org

October 9th 1-3pm PT
Let’s talk about the issues of boundaries! Shawn will offer a clear and concise framework. Participants will leave with food for thought and practice.

October 23rd 1-2pm PT
We recommend a “Boundaries Lab” devoted to walking through real-life scenarios raised by participants and it’s scheduled for October 23rd at 1pm PST — you won’t want to miss it.

Queerception
Queerception Healing Clinic Collective is holding the fourth session of their series Birthing Revolution. Join QTPOC midwives Sara Flores and Courtney Hooks in exploring Queerception, their framework of family building options that challenge the ways systems of violence affect our family formation journey. Guests will be asked to affirm what seeds are being planted for our birthright of reproductive justice to come into full bloom within our lifetimes. Registration is open and sliding scale pricing is available — no one will be turned away for a lack of funds. And, if you live in the Bay Area, HCC is looking for in-person practitioners for an Oakland Healing Clinic on October 17th. Learn more about the Healing Clinic here.

Healing and Care
Join Thrive Network/Thrive Eastbay in their first monthly theme of the Beloved Community Journey, a nine month virtual series of learning, practice, and action featuring some of the leading elders, visionaries, and activists of our time. Learn more and sign up here — registration is open until October 31st. Also, check out the cover illustration for the Beloved Community Journey’s monthly theme packet. It’s by Thrive team member and artist René Revolorio Keith.

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