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Movement Strategy Center's September 2021 Community News



Artwork by Aisha Shillingford of [Intelligent Mischief](#), featured in Nonprofit Quarterly's [summer 2021 issue](#).

Fall is upon us, folks! Mid-September — school's in session, temperatures are cooling. It's a lovely time of year. It's also an opportunity to celebrate our Latinx brothers and sisters — since 1988, the United States government has declared September 15 to October 15 National Hispanic Heritage Month in celebration of the diverse voices and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx Americans — those whose families are from Spain, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

As language evolves, new labels have emerged to express this broad and complex community. Within MSC, our staff identifies as Afro-Latino, Chicano/a, Hispanic, and Latin@. [The Pew Research Center](#) found that 47 percent of Latinos identify with their country of origin, and 39 percent as Hispanic or Latino. It's a reminder that [Latinx folks are not a monolith](#).

The Latinx experience is multifaceted and complex. Take Ana Pérez, co-founder of the [Latinx Racial Equity Project](#), who was recently featured on the [Healing Generation Podcast](#). In it, she discussed healing, nature, acknowledging the beauty of culture, and honoring our multigenerational connections — hallmarks of honoring our backgrounds and our stories during Hispanic Heritage Month and always.

Finally, we congratulate another MSC partner, Aisha Shillingford — artistic director and co-principal of [Intelligent Mischief](#). Her incredible artwork is featured in *Nonprofit Quarterly's* summer 2021 issue, including the [cover](#), throughout the issue, and accompanying [A Guide on How to Unleash Black Imagination to Shape the Future](#), a feature she contributed to. Intelligent Mischief's work focuses on black liberation and expression — including Afro-Caribbean cultures, who [make up a quarter of folks](#) of identity

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Our message to the Hispanic and Latinx community is simple, however you choose to identify: you are needed, you are valued, and you are impactful.

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



#WeGovern

We can choose to be together differently and we can start now! MSC partner Resonance Network, in collaboration with eight other organizations, created the [#WeGovern Learning Community](#). It focuses on reimagining and exploring what governance could look like beyond dominant power structures. Participants — healers, leaders, artists, and storytellers across the country, most of whom are queer, transgender, BIPOC — are putting these ideals into practice and gathering virtually to learn from one another. Their learnings will be shared as a groundwork for a new kind of governance. Learn more [here](#).

Healing Clinic Collective

Join Healing Clinic Collective for Session 2 of [Birthing Revolution](#). [king.yaa](#), a queer and trans reproductive justice advocate, will be facilitating this session titled, "Queering Reproductive Justice." [king](#) will introduce their framework on how it can be used as a liberatory tool in considering accessibility strategies in solidarity with the most oppressed and most marginalized reproductive spaces. This session will be closed captioned and no one turned away for lack of funds. Learn more and register [here](#).



YOUNG BLACK CLIMATE LEADERS

Black Youth Climate Leaders Wanted

Calling all amazing Black youth doing climate justice work in housing, food access, incarceration, environmental justice, or cultural organizing! The inaugural Young Black Climate Leader's (YBCL) [Dream Lab](#) is taking place on Oct 16 and 17. Youth (ages 18 to 25) participants will receive \$100 stipends and become eligible for new YBCL scholarships of \$500 to \$1,500. The deadline to register is Wednesday, September 22 and space is limited. Learn more [here](#).

FYI: [Positive Women's Network - USA \(PWN\)](#) is seeking a full-time, remote Communications Director for their national, unapologetically progressive, anti-racist, feminist, BIPOC-led HIV and reproductive justice organization. [Read more and apply here](#).

And: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, and Prevention Institute are working together on a new \$7 million joint effort — [People, Parks, and Power \(P3\)](#) — to advance park equity and racial justice in urban settings. Learn more [here](#) and for additional background see their [Theory of Change](#) and [Changing the Landscape: People, Parks, and Power](#).

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