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Movement Strategy Center's July 2021 Community News



"The Bluest Eye" by Chelle Barbour, 2018, from the upcoming "Mothership: Voyage Into Afrofuturism" exhibit opening August 7th at the [Oakland Museum of Art](#).

Happy July, friends! We hope the long holiday weekend was rejuvenating. And we hope all of you are looking forward to a couple more months of summer — whether that's travel, friends and family, your garden's bounty, or just the slower pace (and tall drinks) we all associate with long July and August days.

This month we want to really focus on the Movement Strategy Center story. If you haven't already followed our [new Instagram account](#) — please do! There, we will be devoting our grid to MSC and our partners, our staff and history, and (of course!) [our brand new website!](#) Check it out if you haven't — we continue to refine and enrich it.

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Glossary; and more on MSC's 20-year history of Transformative Movement making and incubating.

We also want to talk a bit about **Afrofuturism**. It's fantasy and science fiction and it envisions the African Diaspora and Black culture as central in a technically advanced and culturally rich civilization. Science fiction, as adrienne maree brown **explains**, "is simply a way to practice the future together."

What kind of future do we want? At MSC we envision a **Just Transition** that shifts the paradigm to one of sustainable livelihoods, democratic governance, ecological resilience, and a world that values all Black people. Afrofuturism — Black Panther, Octavia Butler, and otherwise — allows us to envision this world and expand our imagination while supporting Black community building.

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



Celebrating Afrofuturism

The Caribbean filmmaking collective, [The Third Horizon](#), recently hosted the TTH Film Festival and MSC partner [Intelligent Mischief](#) and artist [Edny Jean Joseph](#) were asked to create [digital art](#) that imagined a just future. For more on Afrofuturism check out "Mothership: Voyage Into Afrofuturism," opening August 7th at the [Oakland Museum of Art](#). Featuring work by MSC partner [Wakanda Dream Lab](#), Mothership offers a powerful reason to celebrate Black imagination. And speaking of, Calvin Williams of Wakanda Dream Lab collaborated on a film entitled Space to Dream, and it was selected as a [2021 Docs in Action Film Fund recipient](#). Congrats!

Maternal Health

Movement Strategy Network partner, [New Moon Collaborations](#), collaborated with [Birth Detroit](#) on a new video called "Lead With Us" — an exploration of midwives, birth justice, and the birth revolution. Check it out at the Birth Detroit [Facebook page](#) at 5pm EST on July 8th. For more on moms check out "Mothering in Abundance: The Omnibus Act & Reproductive Justice in NC." This virtual event, held on Tuesday, July 13th, at 6pm EST, is a celebration of the momentous [North Carolina Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act!](#) [You can register here.](#)

Note: New Moon Collaborations is not affiliated with Mothering in Abundance.



Agriculture Protests in India

Farmers and people who work in agriculture across India are engaged in the [largest protest in history](#), demanding the repeal of three legislations that, if enacted, would pose an existential threat to small farmers and the food sovereignty of millions of people. MSC partner [HEAL Food Alliance](#) is [calling on the Indian government](#) to listen to the farming communities that have been stewarding the land for generations. Join them on July 20th, 12 PM CT, to learn about the impact of industrial agriculture on rural communities and the environment; and what it takes to organize against one of the fastest-growing corporations in the world. [Register here.](#)

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community work for economic, racial, climate, or infrastructural justice you should apply now for the Justice40 Accelerator. The program will help you build capacity and provide resources, technical support, and funding to help your frontline organization level up.

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