Movement Strategy Center's August 2022 Community News

Artwork by Amir Khadar for Wakanda Dream Lab
Hello Friends,

Black August commemorates the fallen freedom fighters of the Black Liberation Movement, calls for the release of political prisoners in the United States, condemns the oppressive conditions of our prisons, and emphasizes the continued importance of the Black Liberation struggle. To observers of Black August, that means committing to higher discipline levels this month — fasting from food and drink; frequent physical exercise; political study and engagement in political struggle. Start studying with Wakanda Dreamlab, who is launching their storycast, Black Freedom Beyond Borders, along with the Big We. The launch aligns with the second anniversary of Black Freedom Beyond Borders: Memories of Abolition Day — the source of many of the featured stories.

Speaking of Black Liberation and self-determination — shoutout to Sandbranch, TX. Today, every drop of drinkable water is shipped into this Freedmen’s Settlement outside Dallas. Yet, Sandbranch is rising! We are still collecting donations to bring Hydropanels to the intrepid residents of this village. A big thank you to those who have already shared, donated, and uplifted Sandbranch’s #H20AtHome campaign — we have raised nearly $13,000! There is still time to make a contribution to these folks who are determined to make their community a healthy and thriving place to call home. Learn more about the Sandbranch Revitalization Fund and donate here.

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

The NEWHAB Summer Social
At the end of August, Faith Graham will leave her staff role at NEWHAB and join Elevate as a senior director in housing and energy justice (while remaining engaged as a NEWHAB member). Join us in showing our appreciation and recognition of Faith, who served NEWHAB for the past five years, while welcoming new staff leaders Lamisa Chowdhury and Akiera Charles, at the NEWHAB Summer Social — August 16 at 2:30 PST. This virtual happy hour is a celebration of summer, a chance to connect with NEWHAB friends, send off Faith, and learn more about all of the exciting things in store at NEWHAB. Register here.

Justice40 Department of Energy Programs
Join Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm and Director Shalanda Baker for the Justice40 Kickoff Webinar on August 17 at 2pm EST. This webinar will introduce how the Department of Energy is implementing the Justice40 Initiative and feature representatives from offices across the department each highlighting their programs — including those funded by the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This webinar is free and is open to all. Register here.

Successful Collaborations, Collective Impact
Powerful collaborations have the ability to create a powerful collective impact. Join STEM Funders.
Four SFN partners will share their experiences representing successful and impactful community, funder, and ecosystem collaborations. Hear how they’re shifting power dynamics to center on those who are historically marginalized and underrepresented for more equitable outcomes. Register here.

Help Wanted!

Thrive Network is hiring a creative, motivated, and purpose-aligned part-time program manager based in the East Bay. This individual will help manage, co-design, and implement core programs and community building activities and work closely with the team and community leaders.

Positive Women's Network - USA (PWN) is hiring a civic engagement program manager to advance the programmatic and strategic growth of the PWN's nonpartisan civic engagement program in key priority areas in Colorado and Pennsylvania, with possible expansion to other geographic areas.

MSC is hiring an executive assistant, operations assistant and a director of community investment initiatives. Join MSC's tapestry of activists, academics, and movement allies working to embody the values and philosophies of the greater ecosystem.

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