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Movement Strategy Center's June 2022 Community News



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Hello Friends,

Try to celebrate just a little — despite a lot of the news and the scrolling and the malaise — summer is here! School is about to be out! **Happy June. Happy Pride. Happy Juneteenth.**

For queer culture we direct you, once again, to [Overlooked No More](#). This collection of new *New York Times* obituaries is a tribute to the folks who were passed over in real time for straight, white men. Read about the first [openly gay rock star](#); a [trailblazing British politician](#) whose career ended when she was outed; a [French artist](#) who, in the early 1900s, declared “neuter is the only gender that always suits me;” a [gay, Black, American fashion designer](#) who stormed Paris couture houses; [an early photographer](#) who George Washington Carver called “the pluckiest woman I ever saw;” a Holocaust survivor and [lesbian literary luminary](#); and — of course — [Marsha P. Johnson](#), the transgender activist who was a key figure at [the Stonewall Inn uprisings](#) in 1969. Read those with a little [Indigo Girls](#) or [Tracy Chapman](#) playing in the background — queer music (and activist) icons who still manage to bridge generations.

For [Juneteenth](#), we direct you to a handful of wonderful essays and lists **celebrating food and**

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by cookbook author [Nicole Taylor](#). It's worth noting that High on the Hog — that fantastic Netflix documentary about Black cuisine — [just won a Peabody Award](#). Hibiscus sweet teas all around!

Want to get out and get involved on Juneteenth? **East Coasters:** [On Muvas](#) is participating in [Black Bodies for Black Power: 2 Days of Action for Abortion Access](#) — led by [Black Feminist Futures](#), it will be the largest Black women-led mobilization centering on abortion access and reproductive justice this year! **On Muvas** will be supporting dancers performing spiritual, sensual, and liturgical pole dance at the Womanist In-Gathering on June 18 and opening the Black Faith Brunch on June 19.

And, **West Coasters:** [Allensworth](#) is hosting a [Juneteenth Festival](#) at **Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park** this Saturday, June 11 with poetry, music, vendors, history tours, a health fair, and discounted train tickets via [Amtrak San Joaquins](#). It's all hosted by [Friends of Allensworth \(FOA\)](#).

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



From PCIC

People's Climate Innovation Center (formally Climate Innovation) is [holding a conversation](#) on June 13 at 10am PST about the opportunities and challenges communities face accessing public funds. You can register [here](#). They are also launching a grant fund for and by young Black leaders ages 18 to 28 who are working to make their communities more beautiful, just, and environmentally resilient. Young Black leaders working on social justice, climate, and their intersections can apply for a grant from the [Young Black Climate Leaders Futures Fund](#). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; learn more [here](#).

We Are Our Own Medicine

Following the leaked Supreme Court decision that would overturn Roe v. Wade, [Resonance Network](#) is organizing a reproductive care event with Black and Indigenous healers who are grounded in storytelling, ancestral wisdom, and community. The conversations take place on June 16 at 5pm EST. Join in and ask: what practices of care can we create when the state restricts our choices? Register [here](#).



Connecting California Communities

Are you a community member, facilitator, or intermediary interested in applying for [CAPECA](#)? This year-long training program for place-based teams of community members and researchers in California to work together for a just and survivable future. Consider joining CAPECA's virtual information session for community members on Friday, June 17 at 10am PST to gain the clarity, knowledge, and connections needed to move forward in creating your place-based team. Check out this [preview of the application process](#) to learn more.

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[Healing Clinic Collective](#) is diving into their fundraising season for this year's clinic Healing Through Our Grief: A Healing Clinic for Movement Organizers, coming this fall. They will be hosting multiple events to reach their \$50,000 goal. You can help by supporting their fundraising raffle — tickets are \$25 each. Prizes include art by [Art Twink](#) and [Micah Bazant](#) among additional gifts from network practitioners and friends! Learn more [here](#).

**Rooting in the Sacred**

Join [Thrive Network/East Bay](#) on Thursday, June 16 at 5pm PST for Rooting in the Sacred: Nature, Magic & Social Change, featuring legendary elders, spiritual activists, and authors Starhawk and Yeye Luisah Teish. The event will center on honoring ancestors, venerating nature, upholding spiritual traditions, and engaging in meaningful social change. This event is part of the [Beloved Community Journey](#), an ongoing series of learning, practice and taking action to create a world where we all belong and thrive. You can register [here](#).

Community shoutout! Congrats to [Intelligent Mischief](#) — one of [Pop Culture Collab's](#) 2022 #BecomingAmerica grantees! The Becoming America Fund is made up of over three dozen pop culture for social change grantees working to ignite public imagination about our pluralist future.

Help Wanted! [MSC](#) is hiring for three positions: [Director of Development](#), [Executive Assistant](#), and [Operations Assistant](#). Join our tapestry of activists, academics, and movement allies who work everyday to embody the values and philosophies of our ecosystem.

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