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Movement Strategy Center's September 2022 Community News



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Hello Friends,

We can't believe it's September either. July and August seemed to come and go in a flash. And while we greet the shorter days with a touch of #SummertimeSadness, **we also see September as an opportunity to reset.** Leaves are changing and birds are heading south; school is starting **and work is getting even busier** — but don't forget to carve out some time and space for your own reset, whatever that looks like for you.

We are excited by the reset happening in **Sandbranch, TX**, where the revitalization committee is still raising money to bring running water to this Freedmen's Settlement outside Dallas. Check out a post we put together on [the town's historic cemetery](#); and [donate what you can](#) for their Hydropanel project.

And, we have to acknowledge a big reset at **Beloved Communities Network**: [their beautiful new website](#) is live! We invite you to give them a follow on [Instagram](#) — we don't want you to miss any news on their forthcoming graphic novel. It's called *10,000 Beloved Communities*, and it's in collaboration with Kristin Zimmerman of [Root. Rise. Pollinate!](#), an incredible artist and a cofounder of MSC.

Finally, [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) starts today; and September is [Suicide Awareness Month](#). We want to acknowledge **the barriers many of our Latinx sisters and brothers face in terms of mental healthcare**: [35.1% of Hispanic/Latinx adults](#) with mental illness receive treatment each year. That's well below the U.S. average of 46.2%. 988, the new suicide prevention and mental health hotline might be able to help — you can learn more about what it is, what's working, and what isn't quite there yet in our [Q&A with Tansy McNulty](#), the founder of [1M4](#).

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



Reckonings or Wrecking Balls?

The [Gender at Work podcast](#), an activist learning community for gender equality, invited Shawna Wakefield, co-founder of [Root. Rise. Pollinate!](#), to participate in an inter-generational conversation with feminist activists across the globe, sharing their thoughts on the abuse of power, racism, and gender discrimination that are, unfortunately, far too common in activist spaces. They discussed ways we leverage momentum to build more sustainable and impactful organizations and movements that fully reflect feminist principles. Listen to the episode [here](#).

Tired of Top Down Planning?

If you want to see more community-driven principles applied to planning processes in your community, we encourage you to join our partners, [People's Climate Innovation Center](#) and [Facilitating Power](#), in partnership with the [National Association of Climate](#)

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[Resilience Planners](#) for the next [Vision Power Solutions](#) series. Anyone interested in

building facilitative leadership capacity among facilitators, organizers, leaders, and educators from (and accountable to) Black, Brown, Indigenous, Asian, and Pacific Islander communities can register [here](#).

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Join the LIT MOB

[Urban Peace Movement](#) is looking for Oakland youth and young adults to join LIT MOB, a youth organizing and social justice leadership program for Oakland residents ages 14 to 19 from neighborhoods directly impacted by community violence and mass incarceration. LIT MOB members work to shift the culture in South Alameda County from hopelessness and despair to peace and unity while organizing for changes in public policy to make their communities safer and more equitable. The program begins October 11, so [apply](#) today!

Help Wanted!

People's [Climate Innovation Center \(PCIC\)](#) is hiring passionate supporters of community-driven solutions to climate change. Open roles include: [youth program coordinator](#), [program manager](#), and [digital communications assistant](#).

[MSC](#) is hiring an [executive assistant](#), [operations assistant](#), [human resource generalist](#), 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 ecosystem.

And check out these open roles from our friends: [Just Solutions Collective](#) is hiring a [national director of field building and strategic partnerships](#), and [the Chisholm Legacy Project](#) is hiring a [climate finance policy director](#).

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