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***Movement Strategy Center's
February 2023 Community News***



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Hello Friends,

Last Wednesday was the first day of Black History Month. It was also [Tyre Nichols' funeral](#) — where the Rev. Al Sharpton and Vice President Kamala Harris demanded lawmakers approve the [George Floyd Justice in Policing Act](#). [Nichols was 29](#), a skateboarder, a dad, a photographer, and a Black man. He was beaten to death just steps from his mother's home by five Memphis police officers.

In [last year's February newsletter](#) we acknowledged the ten year anniversary of [Trayvon Martin's murder](#) along with the recent murder of [Amir Locke](#) — in the same city as [George Floyd](#), and in the same way as [Breonna Taylor](#).

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We need to acknowledge our Black brothers and sisters lost to state-sanctioned violence. But we also need to **acknowledge Black History Month as a chance to honor and recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Black Americans** throughout history. It's an opportunity to reflect on the past and to appreciate heroes who have paved the way and changed the world. But it's also a time to look forward. February is also [Black Futures Month](#), a reimagined observance of Blackness with a focus on radical Black history and envisioning a future where all Black people have freedom.

Tansy McNulty, Founder and CEO of [1 Million Madly Motivated Moms \(1M4\)](#), an MSC partner, wrote in her [February newsletter](#) that "Black people are so much more than images of shackles and repression."

We're beautiful. We're powerful. We're creative. We're funny. We're talented. We're royalty. We're inspirations, and THAT'S the part of history we're thrilled to be able to add to the colorful tapestry of our people.

Beautifully said. Join us in a continued celebration of **Black history, present, and future**, this month and every month.

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

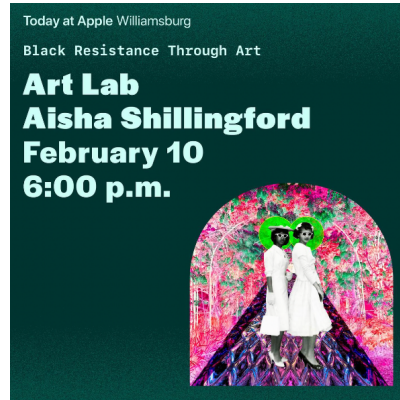


Bring Beloved Community Home

Congratulations to [Beloved Communities Network \(BCN\)](#), a Movement Strategy Network project, who surpassed their initial Kickstarter goal in less than a week! Now BCN is stretching their goal to \$17,500, so they may bring their graphic guide — *Ten Thousand Beloved Communities* — to libraries, youth groups, folks in prison, and educators. New reward packages include a 60-minute Beloved Communities Workshop for you and nineteen Beloveds. The workshop includes 20 physical copies of the book plus the digital edition and supplemental worksheets and postcards, two BCN hoodies, and your name will appear in the credits of the book! Become a Catalyst supporter [here](#). And learn all about how the project came to be on our [blog](#).

World Building in Brooklyn

Join Aisha Shillingford, Artistic Director for Movement Strategy Network member [Intelligent Mischief](#), for an evening of creative practice and collage making on Friday, February 10, at 6pm EST at the Apple Store in Williamsburg, Brooklyn for #todayatapple. It's part of the [Black Resistance Through Art](#) series and this live art session will feature a live DJ. Get all the details [here](#).





podcast from Bloomberg Philanthropies' [Greenwood Initiative](#), with Jacqui Patterson, founder of [the Chisholm Legacy Project](#) and MSC board member. The program also features Mitchell J. Silver, the head of urban planning at [McAdams](#). They talk with Garnesha Ezediario, head of the Greenwood Initiative, about how climate change and environmental injustice disproportionately impact historically marginalized communities. Listen [here](#).

Kooler Kids at Shelectricity
[This is Cooler](#) is partnering with [Shelectricity](#), a project from Movement Strategy Network members [BIG We Foundation](#), to facilitate a ten week workshop series for girls and femme-identifying youth. They are looking for girls and femmes ages 14 to 21 to join meetings at Limit Breaker Church in Memphis two evenings a week beginning in mid-February. Participants will learn about storytelling, civic engagement, and feminism, while gaining access to a community of young leaders, a virtual platform designed to showcase their voices, and stipends for their participation. For questions or to sign up, please contact [Karon Samuels](#) by February 13, 2023.



Help Wanted! MSC is hiring a [Human Resources Manager](#) and continues their search for an [Executive Assistant](#) in Oakland, California. Join MSC's tapestry of activists, academics, and movement allies working to embody the values and philosophies of the ecosystem.

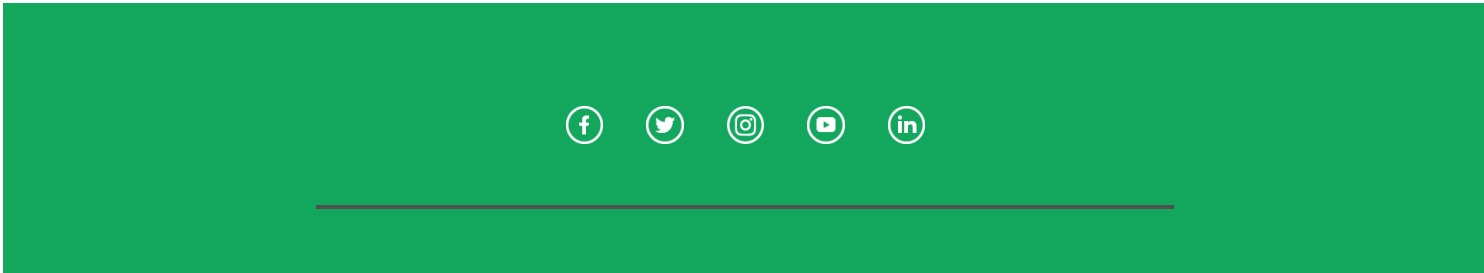
[Prevention Institute](#) is hiring a [Program Specialist](#) with extensive experience in local policy initiatives or legislation, building community power, and organizing for change.

[Akonadi Foundation](#) is looking for a talented [Program Manager](#) with a deep understanding of and strong commitment to the organization's values and mission. Apply by Tuesday, February 28, 2023, by 5:00pm PST.

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