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Movement Strategy Center's April 2023 Community News



Penny Livingston's Permaculture, Regenerative Design and Earth Repair for the Great Turning course is about permaculture principles regenerative systems. Learn more [here](#).

Hello Friends,

April is Earth Month, a reminder to prioritize real solutions that bring about robust change. We need a [#JustTransition](#). We need to [Stop the Money Pipeline](#). We need to **acknowledge that the climate crisis is inherently racist**: "There is a stark divide between who has caused climate change and who is suffering its effects. People of color across the Global South are those who will be [most affected by the climate crisis, even though their carbon footprints are generally very low](#)."

But it's [an issue in our own backyards as well](#). Landfill sites and heavy industry are often located near Black and low income communities, exposing residents to higher levels of pollution — a clear link between race and poor health.

We are at a **tipping point** and we cannot ignore findings of the recent [2023 IPCC Report on Climate Change](#) — which should have been more than just a blip in our news cycle. We need to keep our legislators accountable.

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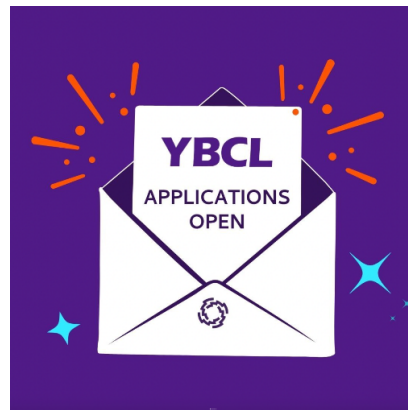
and politicians who stood up for gun control and safer schools in Tennessee. Our First Amendment protects the right to protest and to assemble — so it's hugely concerning that the [Tennessee Three](#) faced disciplinary action for speaking up. More concerning is that only two of these three brave lawmakers were expelled — the Black ones.

It's a reminder that the same forces that deny climate change enable gun violence and foster systemic racism. It's all connected, and we're all connected.

Shout out to the [People's Climate Innovation Center \(PCIC\)](#) — a member of [the Movement Strategy Network](#) — who support community-driven approaches and solutions to complex climate challenges and support a new generation of BIPOC climate activists through their [Young Black Climate Leaders \(YBCL\) program](#). And here at MSC, we are supporting major climate justice work every day through [our regranting partnerships](#), including the Climate Solutions and the Energy Efficiency For All (EEFA) funds — these and others enable frontline community leaders to work beyond sustainability, focusing on climate justice, resilience, and the intersection of climate and race.

There is hope. Keep at it. Happy Earth Month.

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

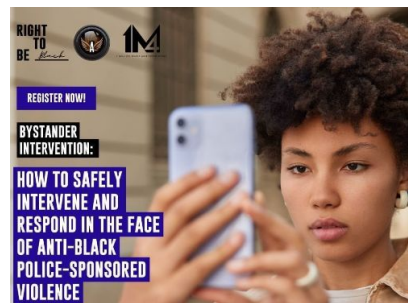


PCIC is Calling Young Climate Leaders

Movement Strategy Network partner [People's Climate Innovation Center \(PCIC\)](#) is accepting applications for the [Young Black Climate Leaders Futures Fund](#). The fund aims to provide financial support, resources, and funding to young Black climate leaders who are working towards climate resistance and regenerative practices in their communities. The application submission deadline is May 5. [Apply here](#). And PCIC is now on LinkedIn — follow them [here](#).

Climate Keynote from Jacqui Patterson

Join [Climate Generation](#) for their annual "It's Time" benefit event, a celebration of climate solutions and community building. This year, MSC board member Jacqui Patterson, the founder and Executive Director of [Chisholm Legacy Project](#), is the featured keynote speaker. This hybrid event will take place on April 26, starting at 5:00pm CT, and will feature leading voices in the climate movement. Buy your tickets [here](#).



Mental Health Equity and Training

Join [1M4](#) founder Tansy McNulty on April 25 for two virtual events focused on mental health equity and training. First, attend the [Mental Health Association's Equity Meets Policy](#) webinar at 2pm EDT to learn about the intersection of equity and policy in mental health. Register [here](#). Then, later that day, attend a bystander training session with 1M4 and [ANJEL Tech](#), where you can learn how to safely document anti-Black police violence. Register [here](#).

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was recently featured on [KPIX TV](#), where they emphasized the importance of centering youth voices in decision-making for issues that impact them in Alameda County. This follows the #EndYouthIncarceration town hall which drew hundreds of supporters for their ten point plan for youth justice. Show your support by signing the petition [here](#).



Earth Repair for a Sustainable Future
 Some of our staff members and partners recently attended the [Bioneers Conference](#) and were inspired by the focus on Earth Repair for a more sustainable future. Now, you can be part of the solution, too — register for a [live course](#) with Penny Livingston. Permaculture, Regenerative Design and Earth Repair for the Great Turning is about the principles of permaculture, including how to work with natural systems, design for resilience, and create regenerative systems. Learn more and register [here](#).

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