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## ***Movement Strategy Center's March 2023 Community News***



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Hello Friends,

It's March and winter is on the wane. What a delight seeing buds emerge on sleeping trees and green spikes of daffodils and lilies emerging from the earth. It's a good time to **take a walk, and take a breath**.

March is also a good time to celebrate the women in our ecosystem and in our lives — **it's Women's History Month**. Over on [the Move Blog](#), we are highlighting **Women's History Made Today** with [a new Q&A with Erika Moore](#), the Executive Director of [STEM Funders Network \(SFN\)](#). In it, Moore talks about SFN's latest achievements, the importance of STEM education for students of all ages (and races and genders), how representation will always matter, and how crucial volunteerism is.

<a href="#">Subscribe</a>	<a href="#">Past Issues</a>	<a href="#">And speaking of Women's History Made Today — our hats are off to the women and non-binary folks behind and within <i>Ten Thousand Beloved Communities</i>, the forthcoming graphic guide from Movement Strategy Network (MSN) member <a href="#">Beloved Communities Network (BCN)</a>. These remarkable women and gender expansive folks — teachers, practitioners, organizers, artists, creatives — weave Beloved Community through their homes, their work, and across time and space in the arc of past and future generations. Thank you to Judith Leblanc, Puanani Burgess, bell hooks, Sophie Hou, Kelly Miller, Tammy Johnson, Helen Kim, Tannia Esparza, Mimi Ho, Kristen Zimmerman, Corinne Van Hook-Turner, Anasa Troutman, Leila McCabe, Weyam Ghadbian, Aparna Shah, adrienne maree brown, Grace Lee Boggs, Aisha Shillingford, Sarah Quiroga. You can <b>secure your copy today</b> <a href="#">at the Kickstarter campaign</a>, and help this important work reach new audiences.</a>	<a href="#">Translate</a> ▼	<a href="#">RSS</a> 📡
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**Now, read on for some happenings from the MSC ecosystem:**



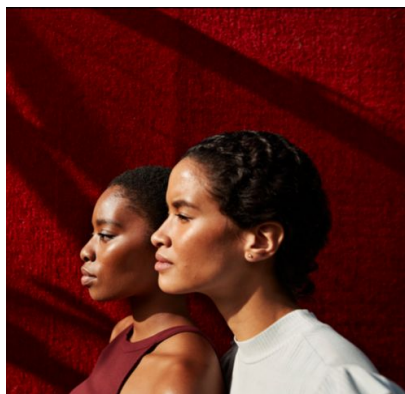
**News from HEAL**

Congratulations to [HEAL Food Alliance](#) Executive Director Navina Khanna. She is one of the newest [Castanea Fellows](#) — joining a group of change agents and visionaries working to refashion our food systems. You can take a moment to write a message of congratulations [here](#). Also, check out how HEAL's [School of Political Leadership \(SoPL\)](#) graduates have had an impact in their respective communities in the inaugural [School of Political Leadership Alumni Report](#). The report covers the school's first three years (2018-2021), and details the impacts and challenges graduates have faced while emphasizing the need for collective efforts to achieve genuine transformation.

**Braiding Seeds Fellowship**  
[The Soul Fire Farm Institute](#), in collaboration with the [Federation of Southern Cooperatives](#)/Land Assistance Fund, is accepting applications for [the Braiding Seeds Fellowship](#) program. The program offers novice farmers resources, mentorship, and professional development to support their livelihood on land, and it celebrates the legacy of the seeds braided into the hair of ancestral grandmothers before being forced onto transatlantic slave ships. Learn more about this opportunity on March 16, at 4:00 pm EST at an informational webinar — register [here!](#)



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**We Keep Us Safe!**

[1M4](#) is partnering with [Right to Be](#) and [ANJEL Tech](#) to offer free trainings on how to safely intervene and respond in the face of anti-Black police-sponsored violence. The training is on March 28 at 6pm EST, and will cover topics such as identifying anti-Black police violence and racism, exploring the reasons this violence persists, and analyzing the profound effects of harassment and violence on Black communities. Register [here](#).

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announced the launch of Black Freedom Without Borders: Memories of Abolition Day, a podcast series featuring stories by Black radical storytellers who were asked to imagine a world without prisons or policing in response to a prompt. The stories were [first published](#) in an anthology in 2020. And in this new podcast, voice actors bring those stories to life. Consisting of six episodes, the podcast can be streamed on various podcast platforms or at the Big We [website](#).



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