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Movement Strategy Center's May 2023 Community News



Art by [Creative Wildfire artists](#) Maisie Richards and Lokotah Sanborn, see below to join the next cohort

Hello Friends,

This Sunday is **Mother's Day**. And while we intend to celebrate our moms with flowers and mimosas and breakfasts in bed — and we hope you will too — we want to be sure to **honor mothers and mothering in all forms**. That includes all birthing parents of all genders, all caregivers and role models, all adoptive and step and [foster](#) and [chosen](#) moms, all mother figures living and dead, all earth mothers and, of course, [Mother Earth](#).

Mothering is protection and nurturing; it's also [activism and freedom](#); it's community and care; it's [envisioning our radical futures](#) and treasuring our ancestral pasts. Hell, on Instagram and TikTok, [Beyoncé may be "mother."](#) Celebrate what mother is for you.

All that said, It's possible this second Sunday of May is triggering for you, in which case NPR offers [some thoughtful tips](#).

Now, to circle back to MSC: this month, we are highlighting some of the fiscally sponsored projects that center on maternity on our social media channels. Look out for those, including a post about the newly

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fundraising to support the next generation of BIPOC midwifery students in the Bay Area. Consider [a donation](#) in honor of Mother's Day.

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



Turn Up Turn Out Lake Merritt
[Urban Peace Movement \(UPM\)](#), a longtime fiscally sponsored project, is bringing Town Up Tuesday back! Town Up Tuesday is a free live music festival dedicated to the people of Oakland and to building awareness to reimagine youth justice and end youth incarceration. Get your free ticket [here](#) and join UPM on May 16 for a day celebrating Bay Area music and culture, while learning more about how you can support their campaign to end youth incarceration in Alameda County.


Envisioning Community-led Policy
 There is still time to register for the next session in the [Vision Power Solutions workshop series](#). Session 4, Participatory Policy Development, is hosted by [People's Climate Innovation Center \(PCIC\)](#), a Movement Strategy Network (MSN) partner, and will take place on May 23 at 1:30pm PST. Folks interested in learning about and applying principles of community-driven planning to their work or organization are encouraged to register [here](#). The workshop series is hosted with support from [Facilitating Power](#) (another MSN partner) and [National Association of Climate Resilience Planners](#).



Support Native Nonprofits
 May 19 is [Native Nonprofits Day](#) — a giving initiative aimed at increasing support for Native-led organizations and recognizing that these organizations know how best to address the issues that Native communities face. Celebrate by supporting one of MSC's newest fiscally sponsored projects, [Alliance for Felix Cove](#). They are dedicated to preserving and restoring the ancestral homelands of the Felix family, who were the last Tomalko family to live on the western shores of Tomales Bay at Felix Cove. Learn more about the Alliance [here](#) and donate to their cause [here](#).

Support the 2023 Farm Bill
[HEAL Food Alliance](#) is calling on the 118th Congress to craft Farm Bill legislation that supports thriving futures for all people and our planet. A farm bill shaped by big corporate leaders is a farm bill that benefits big corporations. HEAL wants the new bill to benefit everyone working in our food systems. Learn more by reading up on their [Farm Bill Priorities 2023](#) and why the Farm Bill matters, and join HEAL's efforts towards a more just and sustainable food system.



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Help Wanted!

MSC is hiring a [Chief Operating Officer](#), a [Chief FSP Officer](#), a [MIIC Grant Compliance Manager](#), and an [Executive Assistant](#). Join MSC's tapestry of activists, academics, and movement allies working to embody the values and philosophies of the ecosystem.

[Urban Peace Movement \(UPM\)](#) is searching for a [Community Defense Coordinator](#) and a [Member Organizer](#).

[Democracy at Home](#), a new fiscally sponsored project, is offering [paid and volunteer positions](#).

[#CreativeWildfire](#) is seeking a new cohort of creatives to uplift hidden histories and grassroots stories. Artists can receive funding of \$2,000 to \$7,800 [to create strategic work](#) with frontline climate and economic justice organizations.

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