



## ***Movement Strategy Center's January 2024 Community News***



*[Art and a new year's message](#) from [Intelligent Mischief](#).*

Hello Friends,

As we usher in 2024, MSC embraces the new year as a period of renewal. Inspired by nature's own rhythm, **we acknowledge the pressure that often accompanies resolutions and the need for a more reflective approach to change.**

Drawing wisdom from our partners at [Resonance Network](#) and [Intelligent Mischief](#), we reflect on the long arc of moral justice and the transformative power of collective imagination. These insights remind us of the importance of grounding our actions in communal aspirations and shared dreams.

Author [Katherine May's perspective on winter](#) as a time of transformation resonates with us as well: "plants and animals don't fight the winter; they don't pretend it's not happening and attempt to carry on

living the same lives they lived in the summer. They prepare. They adapt. They perform extraordinary acts of metamorphosis." May tells us, "winter is a time of withdrawing from the world ... But that's where

the transformation occurs." As we return from our break, we're energized in our commitment to a Just Transition, ready to embrace the metamorphosis that the new season and new year brings.

With energy and transformation in mind, **we're excited to announce the launch of our new website landing page**, a testament to our journey of connectivity and collaboration. It offers a richer experience for our visitors and a gateway to thoroughly explore the MSC ecosystem. Take a look [here](#) and read a bit about the process [here](#).

Finally, [Root. Rise. Pollinate!](#) gifted us with a solstice meditation. It asks: "what will it take to realize a peaceful, thriving and interdependent world?" We recognize that we did not leave war and unrest, the climate crisis, threats to our democracy, and issues of discrimination and hate in 2023 — but these crises make our commitment even stronger. All that said, we're filled with gratitude for our community and the collective spirit of change. Here's to a transformative and united 2024!

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

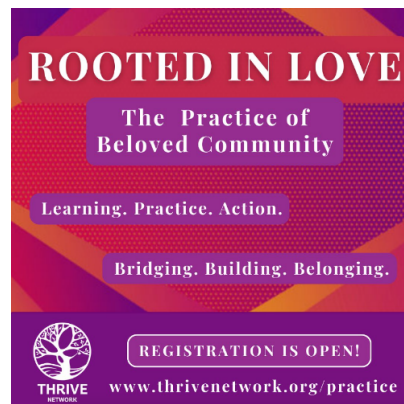


#### Rooted & Rising: Bay Area's Young Activists

Bay Area young adults aged 18 to 25, driven by a passion for community activism, arts, and justice, have a unique opportunity with the Rooted & Rising cohort. Hosted by [Thrive Network](#), this program is a fusion of community building, leadership growth, and personal development. Beginning with a retreat in February 2024, and continuing with monthly sessions, participants will forge connections, sharpen their skills, and find support for their impactful projects. Applications are open until January 15 — [click here](#) to learn more and apply.

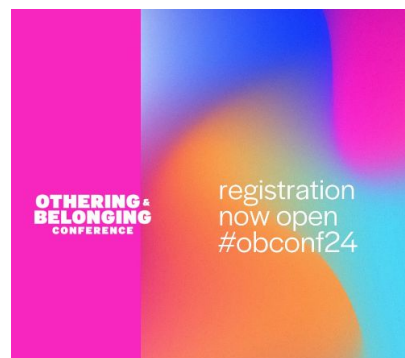
#### Embracing Growth, Rooted in Love

More from Thrive: explore Rooted in Love, a nurturing space for learning, practice, and community action. This program brings together diverse voices, offering monthly resources, mentorship from leaders, and community gatherings. Open to BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, youth, elders, and people with disabilities, it's a path towards a world of healing and inclusivity. Immerse yourself in this transformative journey and be part of a collective change. Learn more [here](#).



#### The Othering & Belonging Conference

Excitement is building for the [Othering & Belonging Conference](#), hosted by the [Othering & Belonging Institute](#) and research hub at UC Berkeley. Scheduled for April 25–27, the event promises to unite leaders and changemakers, fostering a more inclusive future. Registration is now open for this impactful gathering. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this transformative journey toward greater inclusion. Register [here!](#)



**Help Wanted!** [The Neighb](#) is hiring a part-time [Program Coordinator](#), [Administrative Assistant](#), and [Program Aide](#), ideal for those passionate about youth work. Additionally, [volunteer opportunities](#) are

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