



***Movement Strategy Center's
April 2024 Community News***



APRIL IS CLIMATE FUTURES MONTH



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highlighting climate
futures built on
justice and equity.

Hello Friends,

Spring has sprung. And, despite everything, **we can't deny April's simplest pleasures.** Daffodils and bluebells, nesting birds, the greening and flowering of trees — these universal symbols of hope and rebirth aren't rare but they are worth slowing down for. Celebrate the season — hell, celebrate [the new Beyoncé record!](#) It's a good time to take a breath, and to stop and smell those flowers.

The greening reminds us that it's Earth Month, and that **Earth Day** ([April 22](#)) and **Arbor Day** ([April 26](#)) are just around the corner. Plant a tree, or plant something, if you are able. Either way, check out a little good news about climate and the environment: across pockets of the American prairie, [the Nature Conservancy](#) is successfully [mapping rare native plants](#) — banking seeds, restoring genetic diversity — and they're doing it with an open access digital tool that will help other people in other places save other native plants and flowers. [Native American children in Minnesota](#) and [Indigenous communities in Ecuador](#) are breathing cleaner — the former traveling to school on electric school buses, the latter traversing rainforest waterways on solar powered canoes. And, south of Ecuador, in Peru, rainforest lands that were stripped for mining are being [successfully restored by and for local communities](#) with help from [Pure Earth](#).

For something longer form, check out [Climate Optimism](#) by Zahra Biabani or [Not the End of the World](#) by Hannah Ritchie. Or, for some speculative, narrative, positive, climate futures, visit [Yes! Magazine's Climate Futures Week](#) and the Grist's [Imagine 2200](#).

Finally, we want to introduce you to the spring edition of [Community Chronicles](#) — our new blog series **showcasing a selection of dynamic initiatives and accomplishments from across our ecosystem** of community-led fiscally sponsored projects (FSPs), the Movement Strategy Network (MSN), and grantees. A seasonal feature, each entry will explore and celebrate actions and innovations across the MSC ecosystem.

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

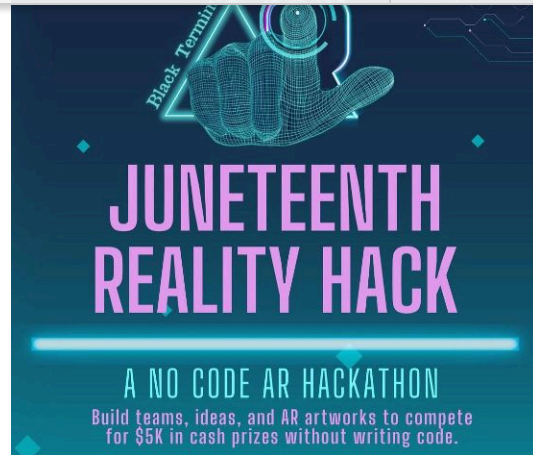


Shape Your Healing Path

Our partners at [Healing Clinic Collective](#) and the [California Institute of Integral Studies'](#) Center for Black & Indigenous Praxis have opened the doors for applications to the [Integrated Wellness Fellowship](#). This journey, from August 2024 through May 2025, is designed for wellness practitioners who are driven to make a real difference in oppressed communities with culturally attuned healing practices. The fellowship aims to support un-learning of systemic biases and healing personal traumas so practitioners may truly embody the healing force they aim to be for their clients and communities. Find out more about the fellowship [here](#), and apply [here](#).

[Hack Your Way to \\$5,000](#)

Join the [Juneteenth Reality Hack](#), an innovative hackathon cosponsored by our network partners at [Wakanda Dream Lab](#) and hosted by [Black Terminus AR](#). From June 14–16, this unique event invites artists, strategists, and tech enthusiasts to create augmented reality (AR) art that pays tribute to their communities and families, using just mobile apps — no high tech gadgets or programming skills needed. Dive into this creative challenge and honor your heritage. Check out Black Terminus AR on [Instagram](#) for more details, and submit your [application today!](#)



Afrofuturism's Insights for Philanthropy

Alexis Flanagan, co-director of [Resonance Network](#), believes that Afrofuturism has a lot to teach the philanthropic world. In a compelling article for [Alliance Magazine](#), Flanagan encourages philanthropists to look beyond traditional metrics and consider the power of imaginative worldbuilding to forge a future free from violence. Dive into the full discussion [here](#).

Murmurations with Root.Rise.Pollinate!

In a world that yearns for hope, love, care, and true community spirit, our network partners at [Root.Rise.Pollinate!](#) shine through in a new [YES! Magazine](#) piece, part of the [Murmurations](#) series. "Wisdom From Women Changemakers" highlights insights from RRP!'s latest endeavor, [Reports from a Revolution of Being](#). The piece beautifully captures the essence of collective healing and transformative practices at a crucial time. Read it [here](#).





Last month, Frank Gargione, our Communications Director, lit up the stage during an enlightening panel at [GCNYC's Alumni Career Panel and Networking Celebration](#). Alongside fellow [Glasgow Caledonian New York College](#) alumni Louise Claughton, Julie Mastrarrigo, and Dinelle Salvador, Gargione spoke to sustainability and social impact, offering insights for future changemakers. Key takeaways included the importance of staying collaborative and mission-focused, broadening perspectives by understanding the origins of processes and products, mastering environmental and social accountability, and always seeking ways to be of service to others.

#ICYMI: A huge congratulations to MSC board member [Jacqui Patterson](#) and to all of the [Time Women of the Year](#) — you can read more about Patterson's recognition on [the Move Blog](#).

Help Wanted! Join our team! MSC is seeking a [Project Advisor](#) to support the acceleration and growth of our fiscally sponsored projects (FSPs). [Apply here](#).

[Justice Captial](#) is hiring for multiple positions. Join their team as [Executive Assistant](#), [Investor Relations Associate](#), or [Investor Relations Coordinator](#).

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