Getting Out of the Way (Again)

Tomorrow is Giving Tuesday, philanthropy’s one-day initiative that began as the “global generosity movement” in which thousands of nonprofits across the country campaign online for donations. As a national movement-support organization working to secure power for people of color, we at Liberation in a Generation understand the importance of fundraising.

However, we also believe that part of our role in building a Liberation Economy is engaging with philanthropy in new and different ways — and it’s also about knowing when to get out of the way. That’s why we’re opting out tomorrow and instead lifting up local organizations of color on Twitter.

Check out our blog post from last year on why we make this decision. Hint: It is, in part, about the nonprofit industrial complex, corporate concentration, and labor extraction. Put another way, “US philanthropy is rooted in white supremacy, and Giving Tuesday is no exception.”

Although we're still a relatively new organization, we acknowledge that by working at the national level, we have access to avenues of funding that local, POC-led organizations don’t. That's why we'll once again be lifting up some of their online campaigns on Twitter today. Visit our page throughout the day and please give what you can.

As always: take care, stay safe, and stay grateful,
The team at LibGen