A September of Solidarity

This September we’re thinking about solidarity and interdependence beyond borders: Puerto Rico. Pakistan. Iran. Jackson. Baltimore. The list goes on.

Environmental racism, neo-colonialism, police brutality, state control over bodily autonomy – these are all hallmarks of the Oppression Economy that exploits, excludes, and steals from people of color all over the world to enrich a white and wealthy few. Our struggles may differ, but our fight is the same. More on Puerto Rico, Pakistan, Jackson, and Baltimore here.

Raci$m is Profitable, Season 2

Season 2 of Raci$s in Profitable is here! Co-hosts Pablo Rodriguez of Communities for a New California (CNC) and Lisa Virkmanas of LibGen Action feature interviews with emerging leaders and organizers from the struggle against economic violence in their communities.

CNC’s Pablo Rodriguez, Founding Executive Director of Communities for a New California (CNC), speaks with CNC’s Willa Chalker, LibGen Action’s Olivia Nami, and another CNC staff member about the importance of community organizing and the need for a racial economic vision.

ACRE’s Tracey Corder, Co-Director of Action Center on Race and the Economy (ACRE), talks with LibGen Action’s Pablo Rodriguez about the importance of community organizing and the need for a racial economic vision.

LibGen wrapped up a 7-session series with two close partners this month: Communities for a New California (CNC), and Black Voters Matter (BVM). We supported both groups in solidifying their respective racial economic visions and policy platforms. We gathered their staff and partners online to explore questions of issue prioritization, geographic alignment, and economic model exploration. We are immensely proud of the work we did together and have four potential new partnerships on the horizon that have emerged from previous collaborations in Ohio, North Carolina, and Florida. These in-depth engagements are why we describe ourselves as a movement support organization. We engage with local and national organizations to support their advocacy and base building work, explore and define their worldview, and create alignment across all of their geographies.

#HeedUs4Justice

Demos’ Daniella Zessoules penned the latest piece in our #HeedUs4Justice series, about the power of local, women-of-color-led community organizing in the fight against Amazon. The piece outlines how For Us, Not Amazon, a coalition of community groups based in Northern Virginia, won several battles against the corporate giant and the Arlington County Police Department – while successfully tying their local struggle to the broader national fight.

Day Without Us

Consider joining Day Without Us on September 30th: a day of protest, learning, and community building organized by a group of Black women with a focus on reproductive justice and goal to disrupt business as usual. Participants are invited to refuse to go to school and work and instead join in a day of virtual fun, learning and finding the best place in person to join and support local community organizing.

Interested in a workshop or presentation to educate, activate, or mobilize your community? Want to partner with us to co-write a publication, co-host an event, or collaborate in some other way? Please fill out the Inquiry Form!

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