



One Love Global

Transforming communities so Black children experience justice, peace, healing, opportunity, and abundance.



Call to Unity "Making Respect Cool Again" rally in March 2025, bringing people together in the Lansing community.

Freedom Summer Youth Organizing School is a community, a movement, and a launchpad for change. As we head into our 6th year, we're excited to welcome a group of young leaders ready to dream, build, and organize for a more just world.

- 📅 The program runs June 10 - August 5, 2025
- 📍 Two virtual sessions + one in-person session weekly in Lansing *and* Detroit
- 👥 Open to Black and Brown youth, ages 12-25
- 🎟️ Only 20 spots available – [apply soon!](#)

This year's **Social Enterprise Edition** is rooted in *cooperative economics*—not just launching individual businesses, but building systems that reflect our values and meet our community's needs. Youth will develop projects that uplift neighborhoods and generate opportunity with guidance from local leaders like artist and organizer [Charlie Dean](#) of The Corner Spot; digital creator, author, organizer, and OLG's Director of Community Love [Shanell Henry](#); and [Tony Willis](#), Chief Equity Development Officer for LEAP.

Freedom Summer is part of a larger vision. It's connected to the community-driven work we're doing year-round—from our powerful **Call to Unity** rally on MLK Blvd, to our ongoing collaborative efforts to reimagine the Holmes-to-Jolly corridor in Lansing.

In addition to Freedom Summer, we're proud to also be partnering with the **Lansing School District** and **LEAP** as we bring career and technical education into real-world, youth-led projects. We're not just talking about change—we're **living it** alongside community.

Remember to spread the word about Freedom Summer while the application is live!



Apply Now!

Questions? Reach out to Domnique Stepp at domnique@oneloveglobal.org.



A Note on AmeriCorps and Our Future

AmeriCorps members have supported One Love Global and our community for more than a decade. Through their service, they've supported everything from youth leadership to community organizing and program innovation, all with the mission "to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering." Our first AmeriCorps VISTA member supported My Brother's and Sister's Keeper (MBSK)—a milestone moment for our work.

Following the massive budget cuts to AmeriCorps by DOGE, we were informed this week all Michigan Community Service Commission AmeriCorps grants were terminated, which includes our AmeriCorps program.

This news is deeply felt across our organization and community. We want to offer a huge thank you to **Kat Westall**, who is in her 5th and final year of AmeriCorps service at One Love Global. She has been an incredible data-driven organizer and leader. We are actively and urgently seeking funding to sustain her work.



Support Youth Organizing

While our awarded EPA grant for environmental and public health work in Detroit will not continue due to blocks to federal funding, critical unfinished work remains. [Peace & Prosperity Action Movement](#) (PPM) youth have organized in their communities for over 15 years, and we are committed to supporting their continued work.

PPM Detroit youth are organizing and advocating for climate and environmental justice. One of their current goals is to organize candidate forums, holding mayoral candidates accountable to climate justice commitments.

PPM Detroit needs your support to continue this crucial work. Make a donation today and stand with PPM Detroit in the fight for environmental justice.

[Donate to PPM Detroit](#)

More Highlights

35 years after historic sit-in, MSU Black Students' Alliance [proposes "No Hate Ordinance" amid protests](#).

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit is [resisting the current administration's attacks on diversity](#).

Trachelle Young and Curtis Young became [the first mother-and-son law firm](#) in Genesee County.

This awesome project from Matthew Jordan-Miller Kenyatta details the [geography of Black genius](#).

Karen Attiah's course on race and media was canceled at Columbia University. She's planning to [liberate her teaching and teach it anyway](#), with open enrollment.



Seeking Racial Healing Circle Partners

Throughout the year, One Love Global will continue expanding racial healing circles to partner organizations and institutions. **If you're interested in bringing this important process to your organization, please reach out to us at connect@oneloveglobal.org.** We'd love to connect with you and share more.

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