



One Love Global

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

CORRECTION: The original newsletter referred to My Brother's and Sister's Keeper (MBSK) Michigan where it should have read MBSK Metro Lansing. An updated version is below. Thank you!

Our communities are facing many threats right now—threats to education, economy, environment, voting and democratic rights, and our collective future. Mass layoffs at the Department of Education will impact every division within the agency, putting children everywhere at risk. Thousands of civil rights cases are now in limbo, leaving vulnerable students without vital protections.

Meanwhile here in Michigan, the University of Michigan Alumni Association is [ending the LEAD Scholars program](#), a merit-based scholarship that worked to improve enrollment for students of color, and we learned that the University of Michigan will be [rolling back its diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives](#).

At this critical time, it is more important than ever to uplift our youth and safeguard their futures.

As the convener and backbone support organization for [My Brother's & Sister's Keeper Michigan](#) (MBSK Michigan), One Love Global is collaborating with school personnel, economic leaders, and community partners to build a thriving youth entrepreneurship ecosystem. In Metro Lansing, we are partnering with the [Lansing School District](#) and the [Lansing Economic Area Partnership](#) (LEAP) to develop a regional entrepreneurship pathway. An economy thrives when all people have the opportunity to participate fully. By investing in education, community partnerships, and resource alignment and by partnering with parents and teachers, **we aim to inspire students to see themselves as innovators and leaders.**

We are delighted to welcome [Tony Willis](#), Chief Equity Development Officer at LEAP, as co-lead of MBSK Metro Lansing! The next MBSK Metro Lansing partner convening will be in May. Please reach out if you are interested in connecting.

**FREEDOM
SUMMER**

Ready to
Make
Change?

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12-25

Join us for this EIGHT week
experience centered around
LOVE, LEARNING & ACTION.

Do you want
to be a social
entrepreneur?

Do you have a business idea that
will help the community?

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ONE LOVE
A Higher Calling

Freedom Summer Applications are Open!

[Applications are now open](#) for One Love Global's sixth annual [Freedom Summer Youth Organizing School](#), aligned with the My Brother's Keeper milestones. This hybrid experience includes opportunities for Black and Brown youth to build entrepreneurial skills, enhance civic leadership, and make a meaningful impact in their communities. *There are 20 slots available, and the application is open until filled.*

[Apply Now!](#)

In the meantime, be sure to check out LEAP's inaugural **517 Entrepreneurship & Innovation Week**, happening NOW! There's still time to sign up for the capstone event this Friday, April 4th at 517ei.com



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

How [intergenerational organizing](#) strengthens movements.

The Black Bottom Archives is [seeking applicants](#) for a year-long fellowship to train Detroiters in preservation and storytelling. The deadline is May 16...

Journalism has powerful intersections with civil rights. Read about the [history of the first Black newspaper](#).

The Better Life Lab at New America created a new interactive, "Something Else Came Up," to explore poverty's widespread impacts and systemic barriers to family well-being. [Give it a try...](#)

Creating [community care](#) when the system shuts you out.



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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