

Are you ready to lead, build, and create lasting change? One Love Global's sixth annual Freedom Summer Youth Organizing School is now accepting applications!

- The program runs June 10 August 5, 2025
- Two virtual sessions + one in-person session weekly in Lansing
- Open to Black and Brown youth, ages 12-25
- only 20 spots available apply soon!

Freedom Summer is designed to nurture Black and Brown youth as whole people—honoring their brilliance, creativity, and potential. Through community, learning, and leadership, participants gain tools not just to succeed in school or careers, but to thrive in *life*.

This year is the **Social Enterprise Edition**, which means we're going deeper into entrepreneurship. Participants will explore entrepreneurship as a way to turn ideas into action and address community needs. They'll deepen their civic leadership skills, explore the use of art in activism, and build confidence, critical thinking, and self-awareness.

Entrepreneurship is more than business—it's about transformation. Freedom Summer nurtures innovation, economic opportunity, and creative leadership in spaces where Black and Brown voices are essential. When youth lead, communities thrive!

This experience reinforces My Brother's Keeper milestones for success—like completing school and pursuing training or employment—and it also goes beyond that. It's about helping young people flourish academically, professionally, and personally in relationship with their community, environment, and world. The next MBSK Metro Lansing partner convening will be in May. Please reach out if you are interested in connecting.

Help us spread the word! Encourage young changemakers in your community to apply to Freedom Summer:

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



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

<u>Some Michigan communities</u> have an important election on May 6. Make sure your voice is heard by registering and voting: <u>mi.gov/vote</u>

The need for solidarity across organizations is critical. One Love Global signed on to a letter voicing our concerns with the continued efforts to withhold federal funding committed to nonprofits, in partnership with Michigan Nonprofit Association, Council of Michigan Foundations, Michigan Association of United Ways, Michigan League for Public Policy, and many others.

Graduation rates in Kalamazoo Public Schools <u>saw a strong increase in 2024</u>, particularly for Black males: "It's refreshing to see such a dramatic increase."

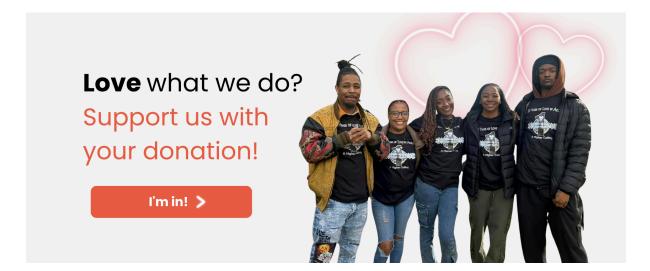
Why <u>libraries are still a lifeline</u> for Black K-12 students...

We love the quiet radicalism of Black line dancing.



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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