

Black Resistance and Power Building in the Trump Era Webinar Presented by Black Social Change Funders Network (BSCFN)

Just over one year ago, ABFE and the Hill-Snowdon Foundation birthed the Black Social Change Funders' Network (BSCFN) for the purposes of both influencing increased philanthropic investment to support Black-led social change infrastructure building, and being a leading thought and strategic partner to a growing number of donors, foundations, and funding networks in the field of social justice philanthropy. We invite you to join us to commemorate our first year of activity, but more importantly bolster strategies for maintaining and building the work of Black-led social change in these tough times.

The Black Social Change Funders' Network, and co-hosts the Open Society Foundations and the Nathan Cummings Foundation invite you to join the first, in a series of webinars entitled:

Black Resistance and Power Building in the Trump Era Thursday, December 15, 2016 2:00 - 4:00pm EST

The bitter results of the 2016 Presidential election has left many advocates, foundations and Black communities concerned about the future of racial justice advocacy, inclusion and fairness in the United States.

Undeniably, the world watched one of the most blatantly racist and divisive campaigns in modern U.S. history, where racial animus about people of color and the first Black president were used to motivate voters and normalize racism. This is the first election in over 50 years that the Voting Rights Act was not intact, and since the aftermath of the election there has been a substantial increase in incidents of hate, intolerance and public aggression.

As we come to the end of the Obama presidency and witness the rise and normalization of white nationalist rhetoric and leadership within our political systems - what does this mean for Black activism and the role of philanthropy? As the president-elect appoints known anti-civil rights voices to the highest branches of government, and promotes his "New Deal for Black America" how will Black communities hold the government accountable?

This series will bring together funders, practitioners, researchers, and other stakeholders to examine the upcoming Trump era, ideas for building new and sustaining existing Black-led efforts to address issues affecting the Black community and explore the role of responsible philanthropy to defend and remain committed to justice.

Please join:

Alvin Starks - Open Society Foundations (Moderator)

Judith Browne Dianis - Advancement Project

Rashad Robinson - Color of Change

Thenjiwe McHarris - Blackbird

Analyzing the question, "How did we get here?", our moderator and panelists will share how their respective organizations will continue to build racial justice in Black communities in these times of increased state-sanctioned violence and oppression. They will also make recommendations for what philanthropy's roles can and should be to help advance this critical work.

Looking forward to your participation!

Onward,
BSCFN Core Team