

DONOR ORGANIZING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Brainstorm from Movement Generation Support Committee gathering August, 2005

Note: This is not a comprehensive list, but provides a picture of some of the key networks, organizations, conferences and other entities organizing donors to direct their resources to social change.

CONFERENCES AND GATHERINGS

Making Money Making Change (MMMM) — a conference for young people with wealth. A collaboration between Third Wave Foundation, Tides, Resource Generation, and FEX.

Leveraging Privilege for Social Change (LPSC) Jam — a week-long gathering for people with access to wealth, fame or other exceptional privilege — coordinated by **YES!** (www.yesworld.org) and sponsored by Resource Generation, Changemakers, Twenty-First Century Youth Leadership, Grassroots Leadership and Shikshantar. LPSC spinoff projects:

P3 Power and Privilege for the People, organizing young people of color with privilege; and **Leverage Alliance**, an emerging network of young leaders with significant financial assets and a commitment to social change.

Momentum (www.tidesfoundation.org/momentum) — a “donor activist” conference focused on progressive movement-building. A collaboration between Tides Foundation, Threshold, Resource Generation, Funding Exchange, Changemakers, and Women’s Donor Network.

Creating Change Through Family Philanthropy — a conference for young people engaged in family philanthropy and committed to social change. Sponsored by Resource Generation.

DONOR EDUCATION/ORGANIZING NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

Resource Generation (RG) (www.resourcegeneration.org) — a network of progressive young people with access to wealth.

Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy (EPIP) (www.epip.org) — a membership network of young people who work professionally in philanthropy.

The Dialogue Project (formerly the Young Donor Organizing Alliance/YDOA) — a collaboration between RG and EPIP fostering dialogue across race and class.

National Network of Grantmakers (NNG) (www.nng.org) — a membership network for progressive funders, mostly staff and trustees of foundations.

Responsible Wealth (www.responsiblewealth.org) — a membership organization, sponsored by United for a Fair Economy, that networks people in the top 5% of income and wealth to advocate for economic justice and tax fairness.

Women Donors Network (www.womendonors.org) — for women who give at least \$25,000 per year to progressive organizations

SOCIAL CHANGE FOUNDATIONS, LGBT FUNDS, WOMEN’S FUNDS, LATINO FUNDS

21st Century Foundation (www.21cf.org)

Funding Exchange (www.fex.org) and 16 member funds

Tides Foundation (www.tides.org)

Changemakers (www.changemakers.org)

Threshold — personal transformation, community of philanthropists with some granting

Third Wave Foundation (www.thirdwavefoundation.org)

Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice (www.astraea.org)

Rudolf Steiner Foundation (www.rsfoundation.org) — changing the way the world works with \$

Play Big
Catalyzing Concentrated Wealth

DONOR CIRCLES/GIVING CIRCLES

Groups of donors pooling funds to make leveraged grants

Circle the Earth — funds women working for environmental justice

Regeneration — progressive movement-building with electoral focus

New World Foundation’s Global Environmental Justice Fund (www.newwf.org) — donor education, staff and activists make decisions

Women’s Donor Network
Peace Through Justice Fund
Aegis Fund
Movement Generation Support Committee!

TRAININGS

Donor Organizing Institute — teaching donor organizing skills to young people with wealth. Sponsored by RG

Donor Partner Training — teaching fundraising skills to young people in philanthropy. Sponsored by Changemakers, in collaboration with RG and EPIP

CROSS CLASS DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION

United for a Fair Economy (www.unitedforafaireconomy.org)
popular economics education

Class Action (www.classactionnet.org)
education and dialogue around class

Be Present (www.bepresent.org)
anti-oppression group work

The Dialogue Project (www.ydoa.org)