Organizing and Building Sustainable Communities

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Community Organizing is building power with the people

A main goal of community organizing is to generate durable power for an organization representing the community, allowing it to influence key decision-makers on a range of issues over time.
Organizing is...

- Duty of Organizer
- Education
- Organizing or Manipulation
- Winning the hearts and minds of the people
- People Power
- Leadership
Organizing at its Best

1955 Rosa Parks Arrested/Boycott
1960 Greensboro Sit-ins
1961 Freedom Riders
1963 March on Washington
1964 Civil Rights Act
1965 Voter Rights Act
Why this Worked

Continued Actions, that built momentum and energy for movement

Various Stakeholders, but led by most affected population (faith, age, race & gender)

Commitment to creating power and change
Organizing throughout the City

Lafayette & East
- Educational Community
- Faith Community
- Neighborhood Community
Continued Mobilization

OVERVIEW

Committed to building:

- Leaders
- Relationships
- Our Base
- Our Power
- Civic Capacity
Developing Peace Hubs

OVERVIEW

Changing Systems

• Sustaining our community through Peace Hubs.
• Reduce incarceration of young people of color
• Restore the community
PUTTING YOUR CITIZEN PLANNER SKILLS INTO ACTION

I am ready to create change.

Join the movement.

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