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INITIATIVES OF CHANGE USA LAUNCHES THE NARRATIVE CHANGE COLLABORATIVE

A 2019 creative program in truth,
racial healing and transformation
in greater Richmond.

October 1, 2018

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Disrupting Patterns of Injustice, Weaving Architectures of Change.

*Applications for the 2019 Residents
of the Narrative Change Collaborative
are open Oct 1 - Nov 1, 2018.*

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THE NARRATIVE CHANGE COLLABORATIVE (NCC), a new 12-month program that will take place in 2019, is focused on creating an RVA, multi-voice amplification network committed to disrupting our region's skewed and incomplete narrative history rooted in white supremacy and privilege.

NCC is a persistent inquiry, response and interruption of the histories we have inherited and a demonstration of our capacity to create an inclusive reality and future.

Within Richmond, the formal capital of the confederacy, the Narrative Change Collaborative is a movement of people invested in using their talents, energy, resources, and networks to leverage social change. The participants of NCC weave together different architectures of truth-telling, historical inclusion and creative methods in community-making.

The Collaborative will discuss and build strategies in self-determined community sustainability and practice ways to be a conduit that manifests full, current and historical narratives of our region.

**The
Architects
are 3 NCC
faculty
advisors and
include Free
Egunfemi,
Duron Chavis
& Omilade
Janine Bell.**

Project proposals can be multidisciplinary including film, photography, writing, visual art, sculpture, intervention, installation, performance, ethnography, digital art, design, music, sound, ecology, pedagogy, urban planning, etc.

The final products will be showcased on digital and physical platforms throughout Richmond in 2020.

THE ARCHITECTS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BECAUSE OF THEIR IMPACTFUL WORK IN NARRATIVE CHANGE.

COMBINED, THEY POSSESS A HALF-CENTURY OF EXPERIENCE IN RACIAL EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMMUNITY-BASED ACTION AND TRANSFORMATIVE HISTORY-MAKING PRACTICES.

THE WEAVERS AND THE ARCHITECTS

In January, NCC will name our 2019 Weavers who will be awarded a \$10,000 stipend to unearth and innovate counter-narrative(s) to Richmond's histories of structural racism.

Six Residents (ages 18+) will be selected to take part in the NCC. Successful applicants will propose a 12-month project that weaves transformation into dominant narratives of housing, health, and/or education in the metro Richmond area. Weavers are emerging visionaries who will be mentored by an Architect as they build their project over the course of 2019.

The program also features a monthly series where The NCC comes together for learning seminars, workshops, classes, discussions and labs; experiential visits to cultural institutions and other sites in the region; and collaborative time to work on projects.

The posters showcasing #TheArchitects and #TheWeavers of the Narrative Change Collaborative were designed by Nairobi-based digital artist, illustrator and animator, **NZILANI SIMU**.

Working on the NCC design work highlights similar global conditions, Nzilani shares:

“As a Kenyan, interpreting the rich history of Richmond into this artwork, it was a learning experience, challenging and exciting. The opportunity to create something to represent a movement that is looking to break down dominant institutions and social systems highly resonated with me because although the history of our regional struggles is very different - they share the same roots and the desire to create new narratives - and in this case a visual narrative - are alike.”

CALLING ALL WEAVERS!

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To find out more information about **The Narrative Change Collaborative**, connect with us at one of these upcoming Info Sessions.

Got questions?

Email the IofC USA's Narrative Change Officer for TRHT, Chelsea Higgs Wise, at Chelsea.HiggsWise@iofc.org.



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Learn more at an #NCC Info Session:

- 10/5 - Manchester Manifest, 6-9pm
- 10/18 - S. Ross Browne Studio, 6-8pm
- 10/24 - 6 Points Innovation Center, 6-8pm

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