

Events

Be the Dream Awards Celebration

Held every year in January, the Awards Celebration honors Dr. King's legacy by recognizing social equity leaders in business and government throughout Marin.

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration

Held in Marin City on the Martin Luther King Holiday, the full day of activities includes a community service project, the Community Leadership Brunch Forum and Awards, and the Community Festival with local entertainment.

We Are Marin Festival

This new event will celebrate the multitude of diverse cultures and cultural traditions in Marin. Information on affordable housing opportunities and services will be available. Held on the first Saturday in August at the Marin County Fair Grounds.

Women of Color Summit

This new event will uplift women of color in Marin as they strive to lead creative, joyous, healthy, and economically secure lives. An opportunity to network and be inspired with new ideas.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."



What is your recipe for equity in Marin?
Email us at info@maringrassroots.org, and we'll post the recipes on our website at www.maringrassroots.org.

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Just and fair inclusion. An equitable society is one in which all can participate and prosper. The goals of equity must be to create conditions that allow all to reach their full potential. In short, equity creates a path from hope to change.



Marin Grassroots works to advance social equity and strengthen the voice of underrepresented communities in public policy to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life.

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Our Core Values

Diversity, Empowerment, Equity, Sustainability, Inclusivity, and Transparency.

Our Vision

Marin will be an inclusive and equitable county where low-wealth families, people of color, and other historically marginalized groups have an equal voice in public policy decisions and have the same opportunities as other members of the County to thrive, be healthy, and live in a sustainable community.

Our History

Marin Grassroots was founded in 1995 by community activists, working families, and service providers who saw the need for an organization aimed at empowering the voiceless in Marin County. In 1998 Marin Grassroots gained 501 (c) 3 status and since then has emerged as a community-based organization whose primary purpose is to advance social equity and strengthen the voice of under-represented communities through public policy endeavors.

Recognizing the need for equitable access to resources, Marin Grassroots has succeeded in building a culturally diverse network that is working to empower communities that are too often overlooked.

Become Part of Our History!

Contact us at info@maringrassroots.org or 415.491.4366 to find out how you can get involved!

What We Do

► Coalition Building and Public Policy

We engage and mobilize organizations to collaborate in advancing initiatives and public policies that promote equitable communities. Some of our coalitions include:

Marin County Equal Voice Coalition

The Marin County Equal Voice Coalition is a broad-based partnership of organizations that share a common vision for a healthier and more equitable Marin. The Coalition works collaboratively to address the need for policy change at the local level and County-wide.

Action Coalition for Equity (ACfE)

ACfE emerged from the need to address fair housing issues in Marin and for the equitable distribution of federal resources.

Equity Impact Initiative

The goal of the initiative is to promote full inclusion and access to opportunities for all by enjoining elected and appointed officials to apply an equity lens to policy decisions. The initiative is promoted by the Equity Advisory Committee, which also plans the Be the Dream Celebration.

Transportation Equity Alliance of Marin (TEAM)

A consortium of community organizations focused on addressing inequities in transportation in Marin, TEAM engages low-income communities of color with local and regional transportation planning authorities.

Marin City Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition

Working to build a safe, healthy, thriving, and self-determining Marin City, the Coalition is a partnership of stakeholders from different sectors of the community including nonprofits, faith-based organizations, service providers, government agencies, and others.

What We Do (Continued)

► Community Education and Resources

We educate and inform communities and individuals on topics related to public policy, civic engagement, and leadership development. Some of our programs in this area include:

Annual Civic Engagement Campaign

The Civic Engagement Campaign increases participation of underrepresented communities in public decision-making by exercising an informed vote. The campaign focuses on voter registration and education, candidates' forums, and get-out-the-vote (GOTV) activities.

Equal Voice Leadership Academy (EVLA)

Based on the Popular Education Model, the EVLA encourages individual initiative and group participation. Academy members enhance their skills in community organizing and policy advocacy, and learn to use social networking effectively. They exchange information and combine efforts to address issues affecting underserved communities.

Boards and Commissions Training

This training is designed to build the capacity of people of color and individuals from marginalized communities so they can serve on boards and commissions in Marin County and assure that their communities are represented at decision-making tables. The Training will begin in 2013.

Story Bank

Story Bank is a multi-media platform for community members to share their experiences—stories of success and opportunity as well as difficulties with inequitable policies and practices in Marin County. The stories are posted on our website and archived, to be used during current and future advocacy efforts.