

Executive Director Monthly Update

Somehow 2013 slipped through our lives. We find ourselves at the beginning of a new year, one I prefer to think of as full of opportunity and ripe for action.



As 2013 drew to a close, we said goodbye to a few dedicated board members who gave so much of themselves to leave your Housing Development Consortium a strong and enduring legacy. That legacy will be built upon by the nine new members we have elected to serve as trustees. We're excited about the skills, experience and, most of all, the passion each brings.

We also start the year with new leadership in many key public services roles. All told, we are poised to tackle challenges anew, invigorated by the energy of this next generation of leaders.

I recently met with leaders of other west coast affordable housing consortia. We're all facing similar issues and the similarities across our organizations are numerous. We've already begun exchanging ideas and tools. Your HDC staff are committed to actively gathering promising practices to share with our membership and rally our efforts here in King County.

Our success lies not only in our ingenuity and resolve but in the persuasiveness and persistence of our voices. Now more than ever, we must spur on our residents, board members, vendors and each other to advocate. Our elected officials--those chosen to represent the people of our communities--need to be motivated and equipped to support policies and programs that will reduce the deficit of truly affordable housing.

There is no shortage of opportunity in 2014. Lead on--we're right beside you.

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HDC Board Meetings

January 8, 2014

10:00 a.m - 11:30 a.m.
WSHFC, 28th Floor, Training Room
1000 Second Avenue, Seattle

February 5, 2014

9:00 a.m - 10:30 a.m.
WSHFC, 28th Floor, Training Room
1000 Second Avenue, Seattle

HDC Monthly Meetings

January 17, 2014

Noon - 1:30 p.m.
WSHFC, 28th Floor, Board Room
1000 Second Avenue, Seattle

February 14, 2014

Noon - 1:30 p.m.
WSHFC, 28th Floor, Board Room
1000 Second Avenue, Seattle

For more information, contact
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in 2014: Register TODAY for Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day!



Each year, the Housing Development Consortium partners with the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance to organize one of the state's largest Advocacy Days during the legislative session. On January 28, you have an opportunity to stand alongside hundreds of fellow housing

advocates in Olympia and show your elected officials the importance of investing in affordable housing through the Housing Trust Fund.

Are you ready to join over 500 other advocates from around Washington to tell your elected officials how you feel? If you are ready to take fighting homelessness to the next level, then please join HDC and the Housing Alliance on January 28 in Olympia for Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day!

Don't procrastinate. [Click here to register right now!](#)

The day includes:

- Inside information and timely updates on affordable housing and homelessness legislation, including the state Housing Trust Fund,
- Workshops on how to talk to your elected officials and be the most effective advocate possible,
- Meetings with your lawmakers for which you'll be armed with key messages, supporting documents, and facts to help your story,
- And an opportunity to feel the power of a strong and growing movement for affordable housing and ending homelessness.

If you can't be in Olympia on January 28, you can STILL take action on Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day. [Sign the Advocacy Day Pledge](#), and on January 28 you'll receive an email with instructions for calling your elected officials and asking them to invest in the Housing Trust Fund.

Please join hundreds of your fellow housing and homelessness advocates and [register](#) or [sign the pledge](#) today! For more information about Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day, please visit the [Housing Alliance's website](#) or contact [Alouise Urness](#) at the Housing Alliance.

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HDC + Racial Justice = Love

Snowpocalypse has arrived and the Housing Development Consortium is turning up the heat with our Racial Justice Education Project. Centering around the Pacific Science Center's *RACE: Are We So Different?* exhibit, HDC is working in collaboration with the City of Seattle's Office of Civil Rights to advance racial justice within our organizations and our field.

The exhibit provides a creative, interactive space to explore topics ranging from science, policy and history, to contemporary struggles. The City of Seattle has been collaborating with over two-hundred organizations on this

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- [The Rental Squeeze \[Infographic\]](#)
- [Community Land Trusts: Unique & Affordable Homeownership](#)

Affinity Group Meetings

Resident Services

January 16, 2014
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wellspring Family Services

Senior Housing

January 29, 2014
Noon - 1:30 pm
WSHFC, 28th Floor

AM / PM

TBA

Affordable Homeownership

TBA

Tax Credits

No January Meeting

Job Listings

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[Specialist](#)

Catholic Housing Services

[Housing Development Project](#)

[Manager](#)

Imagine Housing

[Administrative Assistant](#)

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January 28, 2014
Washington Low Income
Housing Alliance

[2014 Annual Celebration](#)

wider effort and it is an honor to be part of this region-wide commitment.



This December we developed a powerful cohort of twenty anti-racist facilitators, who have trained over one-hundred people within the HDC community.

The pre-exhibit workshops have provided a foundation around racial identity, our understanding of race and racism, and naming how white privilege operates in society. The post-exhibit workshops will focus on strategy, action and next steps.

Workshop facilitator and Building Changes staffer, Meghan Morales reflects on her experience, "The entire curriculum provides an excellent opportunity for participants to start thinking about how racism is playing out in our communities and time to discuss action-oriented next steps towards racial equity." We are thrilled by the passion, leadership, and commitment coming from the HDC community.

For those who have not plugged into a pre-workshop, we have a small batch of tickets set aside for groups that seek to view the exhibit and attend a post-exhibit workshop. ***If interested, please have one organizational representative fill out [this request form](#).***

In addition to this project, HDC will be rolling out tangible action items to further racial justice -- an Organizational Assessment Tool, a Study and Action Kit, and a Membership Convening to celebrate and discuss next steps.

For more information, please contact [Sean O'Neill](#).

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Help Us Expand Our Infographics Library!

In addition to creating the infographics you've seen featured here over the past few months, we've been busy collecting links to other housing data resources we think will be useful for advocates, non-profit housing providers, elected officials, and anyone interested in creating more affordable housing and ending homelessness. Check out some of HDC's past infographics [here](#) and [here](#)!

If you come across an infographic or data source you think should be featured

January 8, 2014
Homestead CLT

**Gimme Shelter 2014
Benefit Concert**

February 7, 2014
DESC

Nativity House Gala Fundraising

February 22, 2014
Catholic Housing Services

on our page, let us know! Or if you have an idea for a new infographic, we'd love to hear that, too. Tweet your ideas to [@hdc_seakc](#) or email [Stephanie Velasco](#). Stay tuned next month for a new HDC-produced infographic on the need for more affordable housing throughout all of King County.

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