

Rooted in Community R.I.C.

High school aged youth from historically excluded communities organizing locally--networked nationally around food justice!

RIC's Core Organizing Values

- RIC supports true youth leadership and empowerment through peer mentoring and training of urban and rural youth; with an emphasis on fostering indigenous leadership in the communities most hurt by our current food system, communities of color.
- RIC believes in arts in activism, in all organizing RIC youth strive to incorporate music, movement, and the creation of media as a tool to engage and inspire.
- RIC believes in the power of youth.



HISTORY

- Youth involved in community gardens inspired the formation of the Rooted in Community National Network. The goal was to begin a conversation about building a national youth movement around food and the environment.
- The first RIC conference was held in 1999 in Boston, MA.
- Over the years RIC has engaged over 100 local organizations and over 1000 youth!



Youth Led National Conference



Coming to a city near you!

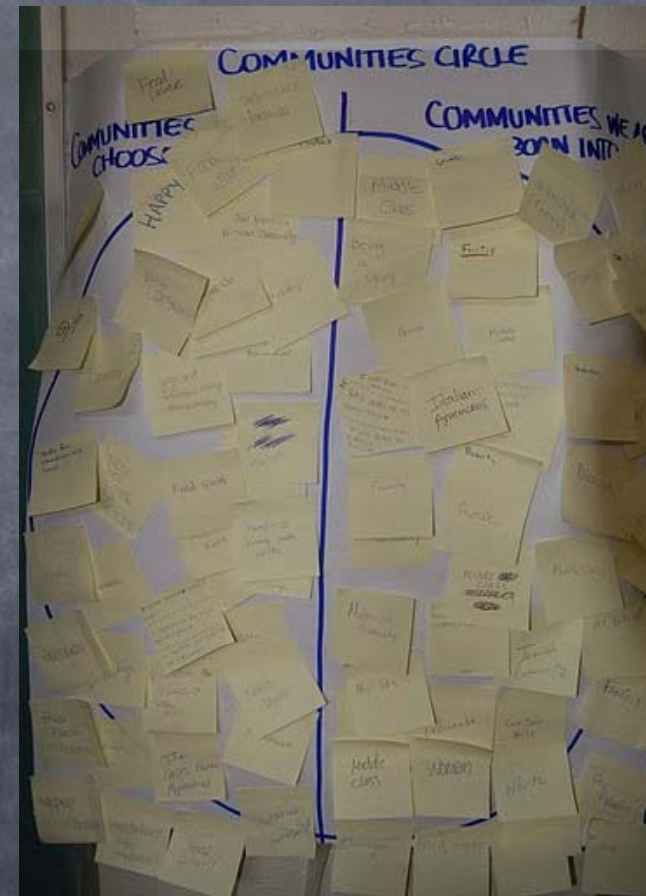
- RIC national conferences are hosted each summer by a different youth organization across the country.
- Over 100 youth leaders represent their local food justice efforts at RIC.
- At RIC youth attend workshops about activism, organic food production/urban gardening, and history of social movements to name a few.

Regional Trainings

In order to support indigenous leadership and culturally appropriate organizing RIC hosts regional trainings.



- Youth led regional trainings occur throughout the year.
- Youth participate and lead trainings on direct action, media tools and nutrition.
- Trainings offer curriculum shares for adult mentors.



Contact RIC



www.rootedincommunity.org

“Like” Rooted in Community on facebook.com