

# Civil Rights on the Airwaves: Building Community Radio in Communities of Color



## Main Street Project staff are featured speakers at Jan. 9 Washington, DC event/webcast

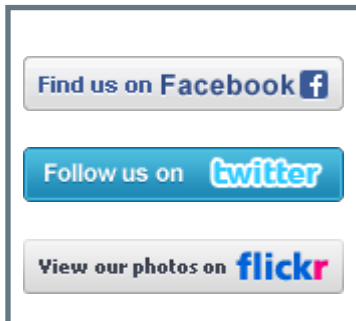
Ninety percent of us listen to radio at least once a week. But people of color own only seven percent of radio stations. Passage of the Local Community Radio Act creates an opportunity to address that imbalance.



On Monday, Jan. 9 from 3 - 4:30 CST, grassroots leaders from across the country will gather in Washington, DC to discuss the challenges and successes of building community radio in communities of color. Main Street Project's Steven Renderos and Danielle Mkali are two of the featured speakers at the event co-sponsored by Prometheus Radio Project, Media Action Grassroots Network, Color of Change, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Free Press, and New America Foundation's Open Technology Initiative.



The discussion will be [webcast on the New America Foundation site](#). Online viewers can Tweet questions with the hashtag #civilrightsonair.



"We're looking forward to sharing the experiences of our Twin Cities Low-Power FM Collaboration," said Danielle Mkali, facilitator of the group working to launch community radio stations in the diverse Phillips and Frogtown neighborhoods. "And we're hopeful the discussion will inspire other communities of color to plug into this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Learn more about the [Twin Cities Low-Power FM Collaboration \(PDF\)](#). Collaboration partners include Waite House, HOPE Community, Little Earth of United Tribes, Somali American Community, Frogtown Neighborhood Association, Summit-University Planning Council, and KFAI-Radio. Main Street Project is the collaboration facilitator.

**[Watch the webcast on Monday, Jan. 9 from 3 - 4:30 p.m](#)**