

The Daily Word

Rooted in Community Youth
Summit 2013:

Reclaiming our Land,
Reclaiming our Roots

Issue 1, Days 1 and 2



SO FAR. . .

Village Market Place. .
Opening Ceremony. .
.Danzas. . .the four
directions. . .touch the
earth. . .land grabbing. . .a
safe space. . .South LA. .
.Westside. . .Downtown. .
.Boyle Height. . .gardens . .
.art. . . land. . .
.inspiration. . .community.
. .back to our Roots

WOW. R.I.C.

Wow RIC.

All my expectations have gone out the window and I don't know if people generally say that as a negative statement, but when I say it I mean only positive things. Like I said as I introduced Farm Fresh Choice, this is my first time at RIC and I am feeling blessed to be here. The warm presence of youth willing to listen, willing to work together and stand for change, has re-invigorated many of my dormant spirits. The revolution lives on. I see it in the eyes of those around me, near it gracefully dancing off the tongues from those who have graced us with their voices.

The Revolution is alive and well, and it begins with the love we bring to the table, which I will approach with open arms, hungry for change.

By Dante K.

Got Entries for the Daily Word?

Please see Johnathan of Farm Fresh Choice. We want to hear from you! Poems, prose, essays. . . share your experience with your RIC family.

Our first RIC Summit. . .

Sarina Sanchez, Farm Fresh Choice,
Berkeley, CA

Rooted in Community has been an incredible bonding experience for my peers and myself. It was especially enriching to go on a tour of South Los Angeles, including the land that was formerly the South Central Farm and the Watts Towers Arts Center, which I never knew existed. Being a young adult leader, I am excited to continue learning throughout the conference about being a better mentor and support to youth.

Samantha Serrano, Farm Fresh Choice,
Berkeley, CA

My first two days in LA, at Rooted in Community have been super fun. I have met a lot of new people and already have learned so much. Today was so exciting and I learned a lot from going to the lot where the urban farm was and learning more about the history, to going to the Watts tower, which I have never heard of until today. I was super shocked when I found out that one man built the whole thing. My favorite part of today was going to Chuco in Englewood. I think the work they do there is awesome. We need to have more places like that in communities.

Please thank the people that are cooking and serving your food. They are doing a ton of work behind the scenes.

Gloria Colon, CFET, Camden, NJ

My experience in Downtown, L.A was amazing. I met a lot of new people in my group and I also got to compare and contrast the two different parts of downtown, L.A. There was the poor side where a lot of homeless people sat out in the street and we saw the condition of which they were living vs. the rich side of downtown L.A where many people went shopping and where most of the people with money lived in lofts. Overall, I'm glad I learned about L.A CAN and how they help keep the equality in downtown L.A.

Announcements!

- Adult breakout is in room 25 during Dignity Dialogue!
- During lunch, sign up for art workshops. There is one new option: silk screening w/ LA artist – learn how to use a silk screen and make fun prints!
- Sign ups for the open mic will be at dinner. Please be on-time to dinner so the open-mic can start on-time.
- Wear your t-shirts on Saturday for the press event and march.
- If you are leaving the conference early touch base with Ari so she can give you an evaluation to fill out.
- Please upload video and photos to instagram, FB, twitter #RIC2013