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encuentro 5

- A nexus for progressive movement building in the heart of Boston
- An incubator for innovative social change projects
- A center for skills, resources and training



Getting to e5...



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What Will e5 Provide?

- A 2,000 sq. ft.+ multi-media event and meeting room
- An affordable and stable rental space for advocacy non-profits
- An ongoing training and support center for core skills areas including media organizing, fundraising, and database management
- A technology center including phone-banking facilities, wireless internet, publishing equipment and a GIS workstation
- A library and archive of progressive literature
- A dedicated web server and internet-presence provider
- An internet café connecting immigrant workers with their home communities



Building History

In the 1940s, workers of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union pooled their resources to buy a building in the heart of the textile district in Boston. The building would serve as organizing headquarters, union hall, and the home to several union-owned businesses.

Today a center for the new labor movement in Boston, the building is still home to the union (now UNITE-HERE!), a major organizer of the Immigrant Worker Freedom Ride (2003). Also home to movement organizations like Massachusetts Global Action, it served as the center for organizing the Boston Social Forum (BSF, 2004), the largest progressive gathering in New England in over a decade. By providing a breadth and depth of networking opportunities for progressive organizations, offering a space for both lively cultural activities and heated political debate, and bringing together a diversity of activists and organizers, the BSF helped establish the building blocks of a movement for social change.

e5 will help make permanent the movement-building opportunities generated by the BSF. On one floor of 33 Harrison, **e5** will bring together organizations from diverse sectors, fostering a cross-fertilization of ideas and ongoing exchange of skills and experiences. In the spirit of the building's early owners, **e5** will allow a pooling of resources so organizations can focus more on core programs. And for emerging projects, **e5** will provide the infrastructure to nurture new organizations.

About MGA

encuentro 5 is a project of Massachusetts Global Action, a statewide grassroots network and membership organization, founded in August 2004 to help communities challenge corporate globalization in the Commonwealth. MGA consolidated 2 long-term organizing projects after the Boston Social Forum: the Campaign on Contingent Work and the Massachusetts Anti-Corporate Clearinghouse.

The Boston Social Forum was a 20-month organizing effort culminating in the July 2004 gathering of 5,000 people for three days of organizing, networking and cultural activities across nearly 600 events. Over 100 groups took part in the planning of this first major social forum in North America, providing both a blueprint of and a glimpse at the possibilities for a multi-faceted resistance to corporate globalization.

Mission Statement

Massachusetts Global Action promotes globalization from below. We work with individuals and organizations around the state to reverse the privatization of public resources, to expand the social safety net, to create good jobs for all, to develop economic alternatives, and to demand environmental justice. We encourage progressive social, political, economic and cultural activism for a better world.

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