

# Welcome To the Circle



**community**works  
JUSTICE DEMANDS HUMANITY

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## Tell us what's on your mind!

*At Community Works, we foster fellowship, unity, and shared purpose through lived experiences. Our newsletter showcases growth and strength, celebrating achievements while gearing up for new opportunities ahead.*

We love hearing directly from our community.  
Check out the survey below and let your voice be heard.

Let's go!

## In Case You Missed it!



### Youth Media Training

Thank you to Norma from the @ellabakercenter for leading us through Media Training! It's crucial to understand how to effectively engage with the media, particularly in advocacy work.



And another thank you to Karen from @uscbayarea or bringing this all together!

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Ashlene Hogg, co-executive director of Community Works, said that the nonprofit's Restorative Hub in the South of Market neighborhood is designed in a way that clients feel they "have a stable, safe place they can come to."  
Credit: The Examiner

## SF restorative-justice hub offers clients 'a place where they belong'

Take a listen to the full article, which includes an audio component, to learn more about how we're working with partners to transform justice through humanity and healing.

[SF Examiner Article](#)



Luca Castella, a project architect for Designing Justice and Designing Spaces, sits in a people space at Community Works Restorative Hub. The hub features a modern "open" wall made by the Berkeley organization Grid Garage.  
Credit: The Examiner



A group of participants gather on the hub's second floor, dedicated to youth. Photo: Courtesy of Community Works

## Inside a Bay Area Nonprofit Dedicated to Restorative Justice

We're thrilled to be featured on KQED, showcasing how Community Works West is transforming justice through humanity and healing, starting with intentional design!

[KQED Article](#)



Community Works' new center features various artworks from program participants. Photos: Nadia Lopez-Rufo



SCSD colleague Deanna Van Buren, left, and Community Works co-executive director Ashlene Hogg closely collaborated on the center's design. Photo: Nadia Lopez-Rufo

## Inside San Francisco's new restorative justice hub

The buzz around our space is a testament to the powerful impact we're making. This new hub is the culmination of a vision rooted in healing and humanity. We're so proud of our partnership with [Designing Justice + Designing Spaces](#), who helped us create a sanctuary where every corner is designed for community, connection, and growth.

[Axios Full Article](#)



The main gathering space for learning and connecting. Photo: Nadia Lopez-Rufo

[Back to School Night + Meet the](#)



## CW Board with the Roots SC!

Enjoy specially priced tickets to the Oakland Roots vs Monterey Bay FC on Saturday, August 30. Deadline is Monday, Aug. 25th!

Can't attend? We encourage direct donations or consider purchasing a ticket to be gifted to a dedicated staff member or program participant.

We strongly encourage you to bring at least one guest - a friend, colleague, or a prospective board member! This is a wonderful chance to introduce them to the powerful "why" behind our mission.



[RSVP Tickets Link](#)



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