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Thanks, Tilda!

On Tue, Aug 7, 2018, 11:23 PM Matilda Bliss <[matildasayshey@gmail.com](mailto:matildasayshey@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hey yall, Dee and I met yesterday and decided to pick back up on the meetings. We really want to start pushing the formation of fundraising committee that can bring us the resources that are needed to pay healers and to give scholarships to community members to show up learn how to compile and draft reports concerning data, and then lead the process of changing these grim realities. There is also an Isaac Coleman showcase coming up, at which UCD will present about the work being done by the Real Asheville Initiative. And much more! Here is the event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/218004435542763/>

## The Real Asheville: Data into Action Meeting at 42 Water St

Thursday, August 16 at 6 PM - 8 PM

Next Week · 64–84°F Partly Cloudy

[pin](#) 42 Water St, Asheville, NC 28801-4719, United States

The Real Asheville is a people-centered initiative which empowers regular folks in the Black community to define what is happening and direct the work of creating change.

The Center for Disease Control defines Four Social Determinants of Health, which are:

1. Economics
2. Education
3. Housing
4. Criminal Justice System

Our neighbors have been shown to disproportionately bare the brunt of Asheville's economic and social policies, which have for years placed Black Ashevilleans towards the bottom in categories such as the achievement gap, racial disparities in traffic stops, minority business contracts, home ownership, and more.

The Real Asheville has initiated a process of further defining these statistics, showing changes over time, and creating big picture assessments. Moving forward, however, we would like to fundraise and provide scholarships so that the COMMUNITY can take over these processed and build a movement for social change from the bottom up.

We hope you'll join us!

<3 Tilda