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HUMANITIES DC AWARDS A 2021 VISION PARTNERSHIP GRANT TO DOCUMENT "WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS IN DUPONT CIRCLE: A HOME-BASE FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT"

Washington, DC. The WNDC Educational Foundation will work with a coalition of women's organizations headquartered in Dupont Circle to document their activities over the last century. Headquartered in close proximity, the stories of the collaborating organizations—Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., Woman's National Democratic Club (WNDC), and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.—is not as well known as it deserves to be. This project, funded by a Humanities DC Vision Grant, will establish a walking tour highlighting key places, people, and events of these organizations.

"This project is uniquely positioned to engage broader communities in the histories of some of the most important and consequential national organizations in the country," said Shirley Moody-Turner, the project Humanities Scholar. "While wider publics and national conversations are just starting to recognize the extraordinary role of these organizations in the ongoing battles for civil rights and equality, they have long been the backbone of political organizing efforts led by Black women, white women, and women of color."

The project will produce printed and online materials, including a map and guide with links to supplemental materials, such as audio and video recordings. The project team will work together to identify and preserve significant materials and to improve archival practice and access to collections.



About WNDC Educational Foundation

The WNDC Educational Foundation (EF) is a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan public charity dedicated to the education of the public concerning (i) the history of the women's rights movement, (ii) the achievements and contributions of women in our society, (iii) conflict resolution, (iv) outreach and education of the public, especially women, about economic, civic, and cultural issues, and (v) preservation of the Whittemore House museum, its history and contents. The Foundation was established in 1991 by the Woman's National Democratic Club (WNDC).

About HumanitiesDC

Humanities DC, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit institution, is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). With the support of the NEH, the DC City Council, and contributions from the private sector, Humanities DC's mission is to enrich quality of life, foster intellectual stimulation, and promote cross-cultural understanding and appreciation of local history in all neighborhoods of the District through humanities programs and grants.