The Media Consortium is proud to announce the first Transformative Media Conference (TMC), taking place March 1-4, 2017 at the Washington Court hotel in Washington DC.

This election has demonstrated how our current media system has failed us. The mass media is revealed as overly indebted to profits and deaf to the rising voices of white supremacism, a racism they will not name. After giving Trump millions of dollars in free media, these mass media outlets now say we have to accept and normalize his presidency.

The system failed us on the local level as well. After two decades of staff reductions, corporate media was unable to hear the voices of local communities or to provide them with accurate information. Meanwhile, community and local media suffer from a lack of resources.

And the digital revolution that promised that every voice would be heard has turned into Facebook’s walled garden, in which the loudest voices provide false information and hate speech.

It is not enough to fix this broken media system. We need to transform it.

The Transformative Media conference will provide journalists, policy experts, academics and philanthropists with space to hear ideas revolutionary and practical and to hold deep, strategic conversations about shaping a new media system. Our approach will be rooted in the values of justice and equity, transparency and accuracy.

We are racing to get our conference website up. Please stay tuned. We will have hotel information available on this page by the end of this week.

If your organization is interested in sponsoring this conference—especially to provide us with funds to bring in community-based media makers from around the country—please contact Jo Ellen Green Kaiser at Joellen [at] TheMediaConsortium [dot] org