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This, the July Organizers Edge, I share the heavy and the light. First a look at how we fund community organizations. That is the heavy. Then a poem about public policy for lost gloves. The light. Enjoy.

### **Theories of Organizing: Funding Community Organizations**

Kurt Lewin, the founder of "group dynamics," said, "There is nothing so practical as a good theory." In our organizing work, we have theories, but we often fail to make them explicit, examine or reflect upon them.

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### **Lost Glove Public Policy**

With so many people losing gloves  
You'd think they could become free communal property  
Those who lose theirs could have the lost gloves of others --  
those who forget them in stores, fall out of their pockets.

Maybe the free market approach works better,  
finders keepers, but ..

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**Who else you will hear from.....**

We are just starting, but so far you can expect to hear what the following people are thinking:

Heather Booth, founder of the Mid-West Academy,  
Roger Newell with the Teamsters Union and Jobs with Justice in Washington, DC,,  
George Luse of the Mass Teachers Assn,  
Scott Reed with the PICO Network, ,  
Cesar McDowell of the Interaction Institute for Social Justice,  
Diana Bell of Community and Labor United,  
David Hernandez of the California Education Assn,  
Linda Honold, of Wisconsin Voices  
Attica Scott, now an elected official in Louisville, KY,formerly with Jobs with Justice,  
Quinn Rallings in Alabama with the PICO Network,  
Bob Van Meter with the Local Initiative Support Corporation in Boston,  
Walter Davis, in Tennessee, of the National Organizers Alliance,  
Deb Askenase, of Community Organizing 2.0,  
Cherie Andes, of the Industrial Areas Foundation,  
Avi Green, with MassVote,  
Deb Fastino, of the Coalition for Social Justice in New Bedford, MA,  
Rebecca Gutman, with SEIU-1199,  
Tim Dean, of SEIU-1199,  
Claudia Horwitz, of Stone Circles in North Carolina,  
Mary Ochs, long time organizer in Los Angeles  
and others, hopefully, including YOU

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