This year, I’m reflecting on this community’s remarkable impact and what has made it a beacon of belonging and strength for so many of us.

As systems of oppression continue to perpetuate inequities throughout the world, we must remember that we have strength in numbers, especially when we work together.

Our strength comes not from each of us individually. It comes from our intersectional, intergenerational, and interconnected community. The true power of Echoing Green is our shared commitment to building a more just and equitable world. With each passing season, I continue to notice it countless ways — in everything from the quick emails I get from Fellows to the joyful energy that fills the room whenever we gather.

After nearly four decades of launching and supporting social innovators around the globe, we know this:

No change comes without commitment. It needs collaboration, it needs our humanity, it needs community. None of us do the work we do alone.

From announcing new Follow-on investments to welcoming our 2023 cohort of Fellows, this past year was one of immense impact for Echoing Green. Together, we showed up for each other and for our collective vision for change.

Every day we show up in this work, we’re weaving a bold, beautiful tapestry of change. Each of us is a thread intricately woven into that tapestry, with our own individual role to play. Every thread is valuable. Everyone has something to offer. And from where I sit, that tapestry is glorious. I’m deeply grateful for that kind of beauty in a world that needs so much more of it.

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