LELO is a 40-year-old, grassroots workers organization led by people of color in Seattle, Washington. LELO’s mission is to empower workers of color, low income and women workers to assert our rights, improve our working conditions and gain a voice in our workplaces, unions and communities here in the US, and across the globe. LELO’s founding in 1972 represented the unique coming together of three grassroots workers’ organizations made up of Black construction workers, Asian Pacific American and Native Alaskan cannery workers, and Latino farm workers.

Family Wage Job committee developed the FAST jobs coalition to increase the employment of young people of color, low income women and recent immigrants in living wage union jobs in the building and construction trades. We were the only community based coalition in the nation to win the right to negotiate a PLA with a public employer, contractors and the unions.

The LELO’s Driving While License Suspended in the Third Degree program assists low income drivers who are interested in the recovery of their driver’s license. The program accepts any low income person who has a ticket in King County District Courts. In 2012, almost 30% of our clients recover their driving license.

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The Tyree Scott International Worker-to-Worker Project was founded in 1997 to create opportunities for “ordinary” workers from different countries to communicate with each other - in their own languages - and share information about the global economy and its effects on workers’ lives. Named in honor of the late LELO founder Tyree Scott, an ordinary Black worker, visionary leader, and world citizen, the project inspires workers to foster a shared analysis of their problems across national borders and offer solidarity to each other’s local struggles.

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