

"THE VOTE IS PRECIOUS. IT IS ALMOST SACRED. IT IS THE MOST POWERFUL NON-VIOLENT TOOL WE HAVE IN A DEMOCRACY."
- REPRESENTATIVE JOHN C. LEWIS, JULY 3, 2018



CHRISTINE NEUMANN-ORTIZ

Founding Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera, which puts great energy into encouraging and educating the community about the importance of making their vote count and has grown into a state and national leader in the immigrant rights movement.



PHILOMELA WANKENG

Founder of Freedom Fighters DC, which is focused on liberating black lives and creating change on a local level that can lead to national impact. The group started on social media and organized several large marches in the summer of 2020.



RAHHEL HAILE

Co-founder of MNYC, an organization that centers leadership development of the new generation of movement leaders, leveraging electoral work and issue advocacy as tactics to create a more equitable and just state for all people.



MAYA MUWANGA

Part of a team at New Era Colorado, which ran a large scale voter registration program reaching high school students, particularly students of color, across the state, and educating them on the state's 2020 law which lowered the voting age to 17.



CHARLIE BONNER

Empowers youth to use their voice in shaping their future. MOVE Texas, the brainchild behind Charlie's drive to combat voter suppression, has helped young voters across 22 campuses in Texas.



RAVEN DOUGLAS

Once a youth organizer, Douglas is now the Deputy Director of MOVE TEXAS, where she aims to change the fact that Texas is one of the most difficult states to register to vote.



DAKOTA HALL

Founding Director of Leaders Igniting Transformation (LIT) and has worked at Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICA), and Youth Empowered in the Struggle (YES!).



KELLY CHOI

Executive Board member for March for Our Lives. She helped create a non-profit against gun violence in Texas and works on civic engagement and voter registration.



ANDREA CRISTINA MERCADO

Executive Director of New Florida Majority, a racial justice organization building independent political power for marginalized communities. The daughter of immigrants from South America, Andrea has been organizing in communities of color and immigrant communities for over a decade.



LATOSHA BROWN

Co-founder of Black Voters Matter, which has been very influential in winning elections in the South by registering voters and boosting turnout. "I don't believe voting is the end-all, be-all. The goal is never participation. The goal is power."



BRIANNA CEA

Founder of Generation Vote, where she mobilizes and connects young people to become agents of change in local electoral and advocacy campaigns. Co-Chair of the Let NY Vote Youth Voting Rights Working Group, responsible for passing the first NY voter reform laws in over 100 years.



YANILIZ ROSARIO

Organizer with Leaders Igniting Transformation, a Wisconsin group led by youth of color that goes beyond just registering young people to vote, to also engaging them to become involved in every aspect of democracy. Their efforts persuaded the Milwaukee school board to end its contract with the Police Department in June 2020.



John C. Lewis (1940-2020) believed in young people stepping up, taking action, making noise, and fighting for what's right. The heroes above exemplify his legacy.



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