

Activism and Empowerment

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Black Communities

- The **Grassroots Law Project** is a political organizing force working to combat racism and bigotry in the United States. More specifically, the Grassroots Law Project aims to stop police violence and mass incarceration by targeting the systems that enable these issues. Click here to get involved: <https://grassrootslaw.org/volunteer/>
- **Color of Change** is a nonprofit civil rights advocacy organization working for civil justice by championing progressive solutions and policies. Color of Change leads campaigns that enact real change for Black communities surrounding issues like criminal justice, voting freedom, and white nationalism. Join the movement here: <https://act.colorofchange.org/signup/signup/>
- **BlackPAC** is an independent, Black-led nonprofit organization that works to change existing social and political systems through political engagement. To accomplish this mission, BlackPAC helps motivate Black voters to go to the polls and elect political candidates who are willing to make those changes. BlackPAC also holds these politicians accountable for creating policies to defend rights, promote dignity, and end white supremacy. Scroll to the end of this page to join the mailing list: <https://blackpac.com/about/>
- **The National Congress of Black Women, Inc. (NCBW)** serves as a nonpartisan voice of advocacy on issues affecting the appointment of women at all levels of government with a goal to increase participation of women of color in the educational, political, economic, and social arenas. Find out more here: <https://www.nationalcongressbw.org/home> ; become a member here: <https://nationalcongressbw.networkforgood.com/projects/115328-online-membership-dues-and-chapter-assessments>
- **The National Black Women's Justice Institute (NBWJI)** works to reduce racial and gender disparities across the justice continuum affecting Black women, girls, and their families, by conducting research, providing technical assistance, engaging in public education, promoting civic engagement, and advocating for informed and effective policies. Contact them and join the newsletter here: <https://www.nbwji.org/contact>
- **The National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC)** is a civil rights organization dedicated to the empowerment of Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and same gender loving (LGBTQ/SGL) people, including people living with HIV/AIDS. NBJC's mission is to end racism, homophobia, and LGBTQ/SGL bias and stigma. Click here to find out how to get involved: <https://nbjc.org/nbjc-community-engagement-power-building/>

- **Black Women for Wellness** is committed to the health and well-being of Black women and girls through health education, empowerment, and advocacy. Click here to volunteer: <https://bwwla.org/volunteer-with-us/>
- The **Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc. (SDPC)** represents a cross-section of progressive African American faith leaders and their congregations in the United States. By bridging the gap between prophetic preaching and true social activism, the SDPC works to create hope in action, justice and equity, and human rights for all. Use this link to get involved: <https://bwwla.org/volunteer-with-us/>
- **BOLD (Black Organizing for Leadership and Dignity)** is a national training intermediary focused on transforming the practice of Black organizers in the US to increase their alignment, impact, and sustainability to win progressive change. BOLD carries out its mission through training programs, coaching and technical assistance for BOLD alumni and partners. Click here to sign up for trainings or attend the national gathering: <https://boldorganizing.org/national-gathering/>
- **Black Male Voter Project** is an organization that exists to elevate black men to the same level of voter participation as Black women, who have the highest rate of electoral participation in the United States. Click here to join the movement: <https://blackmalevoterproject.org/join-the-movement/>
- **The African American Leadership Forum (AALF)** is comprised of over 1,500 African Americans who self-identify as Thought Leaders, Influencers, Builders, Ambassadors. Collaboratively, these leaders volunteer their time, talents, and treasure to support our mission to build a just society that works well for everyone. Click here to get involved: <https://aalftc.org/careers>
- **Center for Black Equity (CBE)** is an organization working to promote a multinational LGBTQ+ network dedicated to improving health and wellness opportunities, economic empowerment, and equal rights while promoting individual and collective work, responsibility, and self-determination. Click here to become a member: <https://centerforblackequity.org/members>
- **Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100)** is a National, member-based organization of Black 18-35 year old activists and organizers, dedicated to creating justice and freedom for all Black people. They do this through building a network focused on transformative leadership development, direct action organizing, advocacy, and political education using a Black queer feminist lens. <https://www.byp100.org/>
- **Black Girl Ventures (BGV)** is a foundation that addresses the unique challenges Black/Brown women face in accessing social and financial capital to grow their businesses. Their mission is to provide Black/Brown woman-identifying founders with access to community, education, and leadership development in order to meet business milestones that lead to economic advancement through entrepreneurship. Click here to find out how to get involved: <https://www.blackgirlventures.org/support>
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gender, and sexuality between Black church leaders and their congregations and the Black LGBTQ community. <https://clgs.org/our-work/roundtable-projects/african-american-roundtable/>

- **Movement for Black Lives (M4BL)** is a space for Black organizations across the country to debate and discuss the current political conditions, develop shared assessments of what political interventions were necessary in order to achieve key policy, cultural and political wins, convene organizational leadership in order to debate and co-create a shared movement wide strategy. <https://m4bl.org/take-action/>
- **The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)** is the home of grassroots activism for civil rights and social justice. Their mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color. <https://naacp.org/join-naacp/become-member>
- **The Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc.** is a global organization whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. Join the movement here: <https://blacklivesmatter.com/>

Hispanic/Latino/a/e Communities

- **Out4IMMIGRATION** is an all-volunteer grassroots group that works to raise awareness about the discrimination same-sex binational couples face under current U.S. laws when trying to keep our families together. Same-sex binational couples are LGBT American citizens or permanent residents who are married to, in a civil union with or registered as a domestic partner with someone from another country. Click here to share a story or get involved: <http://www.out4immigration.org/stories.html>
- **National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA)** calls for unity among Latinos around the country to provide the Hispanic community with greater visibility and a clearer, stronger influence in our country's affairs. NHLA brings together Hispanic leaders to establish policy priorities that address, and raise public awareness of, the major issues affecting the Latino community and the nation. <http://nationalhispanicleadership.org/>
- **National Alliance for Hispanic Health (NAHH)** works to ensure that health incorporates the best of science, culture, and community." Their goal is to "close the gaps in three key areas: research, services, and policy; scientific discovery and benefit for the individual; and community services and medical practice. <https://nationalhispanicleadership.org/take-action-now/sign-up>
- **Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund** works to promote social change through advocacy, communications, community education, and litigation in the areas of education, employment, immigrant rights, and political access. Click here to see upcoming event and join the newsletter: <https://www.maldef.org/events/upcoming-events/>

- **League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)** works to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States. Click here for more information on becoming a member: <https://lulac.org/members/why/>
- **Latino Equality Alliance** promotes liberty, equality, and justice for the Latino LGBTQ community. Acknowledging that the LGBT Latino community largely lives in Latino communities that might not yet be as LGBT-supportive compared to other geographic areas, one of LEA's major goals is to transform Latino communities into permanent allies in the LGBT community's quest for social justice and full civil rights. Click here to get involved: <https://www.somoslea.org/stay-connected.html>
- The **Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF)** is an award-winning nonprofit that identifies, inspires, prepares, and positions Latino leaders in the classroom, community, and workforce to meet America's priorities. <https://hispanicheritage.org/>
- **Familia es Familia** is a comprehensive public education campaign aimed at creating strong allies with Hispanic communities across the country. For the first time, this effort is being undertaken with major national Hispanic organizations willing to engage as national partners in advancing equality. Get involved here: <https://www.familiaesfamilia.org/take-action>
- **MANA: A National Latina Organization** is a national grassroots membership organization that represents the interests of Latina women, youth and families on issues that impact Latine communities. <https://www.hermana.org/membership>
- **UnidosUS** is the nation's largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization <https://www.unidosus.org/take-action/>

Asian American Communities

- **The Asian American Psychological Association (AAPA)** is participating in the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) Bullying Prevention Awareness Campaign. See how you can get involved here: <https://aapaonline.org/resources/bullying-awareness-campaign/>
- **Asian Americans with Disabilities Initiative (AADI)** is a nonprofit organization working to champion intersectionality in any and all avenues of advocacy, proving that it is indeed possible to care about both disability and Asian American issues. To get involved, sign up here: <https://www.aadinitiative.org/get-involved>
- **Asian Women for Health (AWH)** is a peer-led, community-based network dedicated to advancing Asian women's health and wellbeing through education, advocacy, and support. Use this link to sign up to volunteer: <https://www.asianwomenforhealth.org/volunteer.html>
- **Viet-C.A.R.E.** is a community non-profit based in Orange County, California that works to reduce mental health disparities and enhance quality mental health care services, especially among Vietnamese communities. To get involved, visit here: <https://www.viet-care.org/mental-health-outreach-get-involved>

- **National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA)** empowers LGBTQ+ Asians and Pacific Islanders through movement capacity building, policy advocacy, and representation. Go to <https://www.nqapia.org/> and click “Contact Us” to get involved.
- **Chinese American Family Alliance for Mental Health (CAFAMH)** is always looking for energetic and reliable volunteers to help us continue to provide valuable service to the Chinese community. We encourage individuals from all backgrounds with a variety of skills to get involved. Follow the instructions on this page to get involved: <https://www.cafamh.org/volunteer/>
- **Stop Asian Hate: Virtual Anti-Asian Racism Events** are curated by Eventbrite so you can take action and take a stand against racism, hate, and violence directed toward AAPI communities. Follow these events here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/c/stop-asian-hate-virtual-events-ccbddmmg/>
- **Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)** works to influence policy, mobilize communities, and strengthen programs and organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans & Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders. Take action here and/or sign up for emails here: <https://www.apiahf.org/take-action/>
- **Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA)** advocates for systemic change that protects immigrant rights, promotes language diversity, and remedies racial and social injustice. Get involved and join The Movement Forward campaign here: <https://caasf.org/the-movement-forward/>
- **National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association (NAAPIMHA)** works to promote the mental health and wellbeing of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. <https://www.naapimha.org/legislation>
- **Stop Asian American and Pacific Islander Hate** works to advance equity, justice, and power by dismantling systemic racism and building a multiracial movement to end anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) hate. Click this link to act now: <https://stopaapihate.org/actnow/>

Disability Community

- **The Arc** is an organization that promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. <https://thearc.org/get-involved/join-arc/>
- **ANCOR** works to advance the ability of their members to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to fully participate in their communities. One way they work to do this is influencing responsible federal public policy to protect and promote quality services. If you would like to take action, you can do so here: <https://www.ancor.org/actions/14317/>

LGBTQ+ Community

- **Human Rights Campaign** works to ensure that all LGBTQ+ people, and particularly those of us who are trans, people of color and HIV+, are treated as full and equal citizens

within our movement, across our country and around the world. Find out how to get involved here: <https://www.hrc.org/get-involved>

- **PFLAG** is the first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families. They work to advocate for the LGBTQ+ community by educating key decision makers on important issues like workplace fairness, marriage equality, advocating for family acceptance, safer schools, and trans rights. To get involved, use this link: <https://pflag.org/advocacy>
- **It Gets Better Project** is a global non-profit that reaches millions of young people each year through inspiring media programming, educational resources, international affiliates in 19 countries, and access to an arsenal of community-based service providers. If you liked to get involved, take the pledge here: <https://itgetsbetter.org/take-the-pledge/>
- **Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA)** is a leader in the LGBTQ health policy realm, working closely with policy-makers at all levels to support our mission to ensure equality in healthcare for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) individuals and healthcare providers. To find out how to get involved, join their mailing list here: <https://www.glma.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=568>
- **Society for Sexual, Affectional, Intersex, and Gender Expansive Identities (SAIGE)** fights for the recognition of both individual and social contexts presenting the confluence of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability, age, spiritual or religious belief system, and indigenous heritage. If you would like to become a member of SAIGE, you can find more information here: <https://saigecounseling.org/become-a-member/>
- **National Center for Transgender Equality** advocates to change policies and society to increase understanding and acceptance of transgender people. In the nation's capital and throughout the country, NCTE works to replace disrespect, discrimination, and violence with empathy, opportunity, and justice. If you would like to act, use this link: <https://transequality.org/action-centers>
- **LGBT National Help Center** is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that provides vital peer-support, community connections and resource information to people with questions regarding sexual orientation and/or gender identity. If you would like to volunteer, all volunteer positions are remote, and more information can be found here: <https://www.lgbthotline.org/volunteer.html>
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