

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SERIES RESOURCE DOCUMENT

Prospanica NY and Leaders of Color NY partnered on a Civic Engagement series consisting of 4 webinars to educate the community and share resources

WEBINARS:

BEYOND VOTING: HOW CAN YOU BE CIVICALLY ENGAGED?

WE MUST EDUCATE OURSELVES ON CRITICAL ISSUES AFFECTING OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AND KNOW HOW TO ENGAGE TO BRING ABOUT MUCH-NEEDED CHANGE. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IS CRITICAL FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION AND TO SERVE AS CONDUITS OF LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL POSITIVE IMPACT.

SPEAKERS: JOHN SANCHEZ, EMERITA TORRES AND DULCE ROJAS.

IMMIGRATION AND POLICY

ENGAGED IN A TIMELY DISCUSSION WITH KEY LEADERS IN THE FIGHT FOR IMMIGRATION AND POLICY ESPECIALLY ITS IMPACT ON THE HISPANIC AND LATINX COMMUNITY DURING COVID-19. UNDERSTANDING KEY TERMINOLOGY AND HISTORY AROUND IMMIGRATION, ARE CRITICAL ASPECTS TO BEING AN ADVOCATE FOR A POPULATION LIVING IN FEAR AND NOT ABLE TO ACCESS BASIC RESOURCES DURING A GLOBAL CRISIS.

SPEAKERS: VILDA MAYUGA, ANGELA FERNANDEZ, AND CESAR VARGAS.



WHY REGISTER TO VOTE AND WHY VOTE?

AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION TO SHED LIGHT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING, REGISTERING TO VOTE - ESPECIALLY IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES WHERE VOTER SUPPRESSION IS STILL AN ISSUE.

EDUCATING AND ENGAGING PEOPLE OF COLOR TO VOTE IS IMPORTANT TO IMPACT LOCAL ELECTIONS AND ALLOW US TO HAVE MORE REPRESENTATION AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKERS: MIKE BLAND, HELEN DORADO ALESSI AND SHANEQUA LEVIN.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND EDUCATION

DID YOU KNOW THAT EDUCATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AS A RIGHT AFFORDED TO EVERYONE? EDUCATION PROVIDES EMPOWERMENT, A PATH TO SUCCESS AND CHANGES GENERATIONAL TRAJECTORIES, ESPECIALLY FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THIS WAS A RAW DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CIVIL RIGHTS AND EDUCATION.

SPEAKERS: SHAVAR JEFFRIES, DR. HASNA MUHAMMAD AND DR. ANTHONY ANDREWS.

RESOURCES:

New York City resources for civic engagement:

Civic Engagement in New York City: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/civicengagement/index.page>
NYC Community Board search: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cau/community-boards/community-boards.pag>
New York State Office of New Americans: <https://www.newamericans.ny.gov/>

National resources for civic engagement:

American Psychological Association Basic Definition: <https://www.apa.org/education/undergrad/civic-engagement>
What does it mean to be 'Civically Engaged?': <http://davidsonseveres.pbworks.com/f/Civic+Engagement+Definitions.pdf>
NY Times collection of civic engagement resources: https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/ref/college/collegespecial2/coll_aascu_civicresources.html?pagewanted=print

National organizations that promote civic engagement:

AmeriCorps: <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps>
Voto Latino: <https://votolatino.org/>
NAACP: <https://www.naacp.org/>
UnidosUS: www.unidosus.org
Every Child Matters: <https://everychildmatters.org/>

New York State resources for voting:

New York State Voter Toolbox: <https://godort.libguides.com/votingtoolkit/newyork>

New York City resources for voting:

More information on voting in New York City: <http://voting.nyc/>

National Education resources:

U.S. Department of Education: <https://www.ed.gov/equity>
Rethink Together: <https://xqsuperschool.org/rethinktogether/the-civil-right-of-education-by-the-numbers/>
Education Reform Now: <https://edreformnow.org>
Leadership for Educational Equity: <https://educationalequity.org>

National resources for immigration services:

American Immigration Council: https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/the_impact_of_covid-19_on_noncitizens_and_across_the_us_immigration_system.pdf
Case Study on ' The Contribution of the Latinx Immigrant Workforce to Staten Island's Economy Before and During the Pandemic': https://www.lacolmenanyc.org/report?fbclid=IwAR1PhTbwp5wOarpGWwzv4nruh427wSyOPGaQLSDyQRZZ6a_s8T-CE-GtweA

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS:

Prospanica NY Vision: To empower and enable Hispanic MBA and professionals to achieve their full educational, economic, and social potential. Prospanica has advocated for Hispanic business professionals for 30 years. Since our founding as the National Society of Hispanic MBAs in 1988, we've hosted annual career and professional development conferences, connecting thousands of Hispanics to graduate programs, subject matter experts, corporations, and each other. Prospanica has given over \$8 million in scholarships for graduate education, and many of those recipients have led our professional chapters and university chapters across the US and Puerto Rico, advancing diversity causes in their own communities. In 2016, as Hispanics continued to occupy a growing portion of the nation's demographics, we rebranded as Prospanica to broaden our mission to serve all Hispanic professionals. For more information, visit the website: https://members.prospanica.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=184198&id=808876

Leaders of Color NY Vision: A nation where Black and Latino communities are represented by elected officials who not only look like them but are tireless advocates for quality education. Leaders of Color ("LOC") will recruit for public office leaders who are respected in their communities, and provide a suite of resources to help these leaders win elections and increase their influence. Not only are community-based leaders uniquely essential to the sustainability of education reform, local leaders who support reform values are also the least likely to receive the supportive services necessary to launching and winning elections. The LOC Training Program is the launch of our long-term development to unapologetically usher in a new, bold group of Black and Latino elected officials. For more information, visit the website: <https://edreformnow.org/loc/>