



VITAL VOICES
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

Wow. As always, we are in complete awe of the power of the Global Leadership Network. In March the network activated worldwide to engage over 15,000 individuals through our [Global Mentoring Walks](#). Alongside that, Vital Voices has run three signature programs in the past six weeks – one of which is convened in New York the first week of April. Keep reading to find out more about our March and April programming.



The Fortune – U.S. Department of State Global Women's Mentoring Partnership Turns 14

Our [2019 Fortune – U.S. Department of State Global Women's Mentoring Partnership \(Fortune\) mentees](#) are in New York this week to finish out the three-week program, designed around enhancing the business and leadership skills of international women professionals. Mentees have already spent a week expanding their public speaking and leadership skills in Washington, DC and a week shadowing their mentor executives - Fortune's Most Powerful Women and their teams.

Since the program began in 2006, we have honed the leadership skills of more than 300 women professionals from over 50 countries and territories.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS VITAL VOICES?

- On March 9th, more than 15,000 women walked in 174 walks in 62 countries around the world for the [Global Mentoring Walks](#). [See photos from this year's Walks here](#).
- Our human rights team hosted a panel in New York the week of the 63rd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women on the ways our partners engage with international leadership to ensure that all survivors of gender-based violence have better access to the services, protection and justice they deserve. [You can learn more about our human rights work here](#).
- [The Global Ambassadors Program \(GAP\)](#)'s first cohort of 2019 gathered in Puerto Rico this past month for a program focused on addressing the needs and challenges of women leaders in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. [Read more about GAP Puerto Rico here](#).
- The first [VVEngage](#) cohort just returned from a transformative week-long program in Boston, centered around negotiations and narrative development training from Harvard Kennedy School professors and mentorship from former Prime Ministers Jenny Shipley of New Zealand and Beatriz Merino of Peru.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

JD Gardner - San Jose, CA

With every update, we highlight one of our incredible supporters who has made gender equality part of their personal mission. In this DONOR SPOTLIGHT, we are excited to feature JD Gardner of San Jose, California.

I try to do my part - however small - to create a more inclusive world. Economically, morally, and practically, it's important to support women. I like to support programs that boost others' economic sustainability and viability, which is how I see Vital Voices' work. Everyone needs a hand to get off the ground, and Vital Voices has 22 years of experience being that helping hand to women leaders around the world.

From their work on economic empowerment to human rights to political and civic engagement, Vital Voices is sharpening the leadership skills of the women they work with and amplifying their voices. I love that Vital Voices specializes in women's leadership, because honestly, right now, we need all of the leadership we can get. I truly believe that by investing in individual leaders, and in turn investing in their communities, we can forge a better future for us all.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Global Leadership Awards – April 24th

Each year Vital Voices honors extraordinary women leaders in our network who are truly changing the world. This year's Awards will be on April 24th in the Opera House of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in DC. [Get your tickets here.](#)



Save the Date

Our 7th Annual Vital Voices Northwest Gala will be held on September 14th in Seattle, and our 2019 Voices of Solidarity Awards will on December 9th New York City. Please email Maria Davis at MariaDavis@vitalvoices.org for sponsorship opportunities.

Your support ensures that every day women leaders are emboldened to stand on the frontlines of change. Thank you.