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SUMMER UPDATE FROM VITAL VOICES

It has been a whirlwind summer here at Vital Voices. Our signature programs have been running all over the world, from Brazil (see below) to New York, Versailles and Cape Town. We are excited to catch you up on what we've been up to for the past few months and give you a glimpse of what's ahead!



CURBING VIOLENCE IN BRAZIL

This May, we partnered with [Instituto Avon](#) to host our fifth Brazil-based [Justice Institute](#), an interactive training program promoting a holistic criminal justice response to various forms of gender-based violence. This time, we gathered more than 80 local participants in João Pessoa.

With feedback from previous Justice Institutes, we planned the workshop with an increased focus on sexual assault and intersectional issues including race, socioeconomic class, sexual orientation and gender identity - all pressing challenges in João Pessoa. Participants walked away with an improved understanding of how to curb domestic and sexual violence in their community.



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Workshop Results

- More than 80 participants and local Faculty Facilitators
- 98% of participants reported a deepened understanding of both domestic and sexual violence
- 86% agreed or strongly agreed the training gave them a sense of *empowerment* to combat domestic and sexual violence in Brazil

OTHER PROGRAMS THIS VERY VV SUMMER

- Part of our [Voices Against Violence](#) initiative, the new Advocate Empower Project launched in **Belgrade, Serbia**. The project focuses on digital security and combating gender-based violence.
- [Our HERlead Fellowship](#), focusing on young women leaders, brought 30 very impressive new fellows to **New York City** for a dynamic, exciting week of leadership training.
- The Human Rights team hosted a second [Justice Institute](#) this summer in **Neuquén, Argentina** to help combat gender-based violence.
- A key group of [VV100](#) network leaders participated in a creative brainstorm in **Versailles, France** to help us envision and create the next phase of our powerful VV network. Longtime VV leader and 2015 [Global Leadership Award Honoree](#) Kah Walla was on hand to facilitate the week-long program!
- [VVLead](#) Fellows and Ambassadors met up in **Cape Town, South Africa** in June for an innovative Peer-to-Peer Exchange Program - a cornerstone of this fellowship for these creative and innovative social change-makers.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date! Here's a look at our upcoming events around the country.

On September 29th we will be in Seattle for the [6th Annual Northwest Gala: WE RISE](#). Co-Chairs Ahinsa Mansukhani and Thea Handelman are thrilled to have Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Jaha Dukureh, HERlead Fellow and the first-ever National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman and other special guests joining us for this year's event.

On October 19th you can join Co-Chairs Roselyne Swig and Janet Lamkin at the [4th Annual Vital Voices San Francisco Gala](#).

Featuring 2018 Global Leadership Award Honorees Jamira Burley and Lina Khalifeh and honoring Jennifer Siebel Newsom, this is a night you don't want to miss!

On December 10th we will gather for our [6th Annual Voices of Solidarity Awards](#) at the IAC building in New York City. The Solidarity Award is presented to remarkable men who have shown courage and compassion in advocating on behalf of women and girls.

