



This summer we've announced our new signature program - [The Leadership Incubator](#), convened another successful [Justice Institute](#) in Honduras and brought our [VV GROW](#) fellows together in Amsterdam. We are excited to catch you up and give you a glimpse of what's to come from Vital Voices!



Our Economic Empowerment & Entrepreneurship team returned from Amsterdam in the middle of June, where they facilitated a week-long in-person convening of our [VV GROW Fellowship](#) in partnership with FedEx and the Argidius Foundation. We welcomed 42 fellows from 30 countries to exchange ideas and participate in tailored training - all focused on business skills, technical assistance, leadership development and network growth.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS VITAL VOICES?

- Our Leadership & Global Activation team is in New York at the end of June for the 2019 [HERlead Fellowship](#), a partnership with ascena retail group, inc., which consists of a week-long program building the leadership skills of high school-aged women from the U.S. and Canada.
- Our Human Rights team is in Manila, Philippines at the end of June to conduct a new training with Avon Foundation for Women. Avon representatives, multi-disciplinary stakeholders and survivor advocates will be trained on a range of topics from trauma informed interviewing to financial abuse and economic empowerment.
- The Human Rights team facilitated another incredible [Justice Institute](#) in Honduras at the beginning of June.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Zara Kwan

With every update, we highlight one of our supporters who has made gender equality part of their personal mission. In this donor spotlight, we are excited to feature Zara Kwan of New York City.

I believe that when you invest in women, not only does it generate more opportunities for women and girls, but it also changes entire communities.

My mother's own struggles showed me the importance of advancing gender equality. She started working at the age of 11 because back then, it was more important to educate a son than a daughter. Not only was my mother able to support her brother's

education, she completed her primary school studies by paying for her own evening classes. She eventually started her own businesses and gave my siblings and I access to an education that she never dreamed of having. There are many stories around the world of women who, in the face of adversity, pursue their dreams and make an impact in their communities. **I give to Vital Voices to help amplify the voices of women leaders who are making an impact in their communities and the generations to come.** It's an incredible network of women who are doing amazing work in social entrepreneurship and protecting human rights.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14th - Join us at the Seattle Art Museum for our 7th Annual Seattle Soiree. Please [visit our event website](#) for more information about the evening and sponsorship opportunities.

December 9th - Our 2019 Voices of Solidarity Awards will be held on December 9th in New York City. Please email Maria Davis at MariaDavis@vitalvoices.org for sponsorship opportunities.

