



With your support, we launched a signature fellowship and ran four programs at the end of 2018. Keep reading to learn more and see a sneak peek of our 2019 programs!



VV Engage Lifts Off

We are overjoyed with the results of the first in-person convening of our [VVEngage Fellowship](#)! VVEngage increases the capacity, decision-making power and effectiveness of women leaders in public life, shifting culture around women's public leadership and moving towards equality in public representation globally. A group of incredible, driven women leaders from around world gathered in Florence, Italy for a week of skills-building. Highlights from the week included mentoring from [Kim Campbell](#), former Prime Minister of Canada, and [Laura Liswood](#), Secretary General of the Council of Women World Leaders, as well as a public panel on women's leadership at Palazzo Vecchio, the historic town hall building in downtown Florence.

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

We are incredibly proud to announce our new [Voces Que Inspiran \(Voices That Inspire\)](#) program, a partnership between Vital Voices and P&G, for young women leaders in Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, México and Panama. Voces Que Inspiran aims to spark a global movement to empower young women, create sustainable change and transform the meaning of leadership. If you know a young woman leader from Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, México or Panama, aged 18 to 22 and available to attend a four-day, in-person gathering in Argentina from May 14th to 17th, they can [apply here by February 15th](#). Applications are available in English, Spanish and Portuguese, and the program is open to English, Spanish and Portuguese speakers.

Where in the World is Vital Voices?

- Our human rights team was back in Honduras at the beginning of November for the [National Honduras Justice Institutes: Training of Trainers](#) in preparation for their 2019 Institutes!
- Later in December, our human rights team was on the road again to facilitate a [Justice Institute](#) in Quito, Ecuador.
- Our economic empowerment and entrepreneurship team returned from Hanoi, Vietnam in November with [The Fortune – U.S. Department of State Global Women's Mentoring Partnership Alumnae Component](#). This program brought together alumnae from Asia and the South Pacific for a jam-packed week of additional training and networking.
- As part of our [Voices Against Violence Initiative](#), our human rights team worked with 2017 Solidarity Award Honoree Jackson Katz, PhD in partnership with Belfast Area DVP as he hosted a two-day workshop in Belfast, Ireland titled "Men's Leadership in Gender-Based Violence – Let's End the Silence."

Where will Vital Voices programs be in 2019??

- [The HERlead Leadership Forum](#) is accepting applications from sophomores and juniors in high school in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. The HERlead Fellowship equips young women with the leadership skills they need to invest in their communities and ultimately, propel global change. The 2019 Leadership Forum will be June 24-27, 2019 in New York City. [Learn more about the fellowship here and apply today.](#)



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Lanice Williams

With every update, we highlight one of our wonderful supporters who has made gender equality part of their own personal mission. In this DONOR SPOTLIGHT, we are thrilled to feature one of our [Investment Partner Monthly Donors](#) and member of our DC Young Leaders Council, Lanice Williams.

I believe in being the change you want to see in this world.

I give to Vital Voices because I believe that women play a vital role in creating change in their local communities and the world. Women must be empowered, have access to education and health, and protected from all forms of violence.

I believe that Vital Voices fits into this because they are equipping women with the necessary tools, resources, partnerships, and mentoring relationships needed so that they can continue to develop innovative solutions to tackle some of the world's greatest challenges. Since my engagement with Vital Voices and the Young Leaders Council, I am always seeking out ways to mentor and empower emerging women leaders in my community.

We are so fortunate to have this incredible, dynamic woman leader supporting us and partnering with us to engage the DC area. Thank you, Lanice!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vital Voices San Francisco Gala

We will be in San Francisco on February 6th for the Annual Vital Voices San Francisco Gala with Alyssa Milano, David Arquette, First Partner of California Jennifer Siebel Newsom, Jamira Burley and Lina Khalifeh! This year's gala promises to be a memorable night celebrating dynamic women leaders who are disrupting societal norms.

Global Mentoring Walks

The Global Mentoring Walks will take place around the world on March 9, 2019. Stay tuned for walk locations worldwide!

18th Annual Global Leadership Awards

Save the date! The 18th Annual Global Leadership Awards will be on April 24, 2019 in the Opera House at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. For sponsorship information, please contact Senior Manager of Development and Strategic Partnerships, Maria Davis at MariaDavis@vitalvoices.org.

Annual Vital Voices Northwest Gala

Join us on September 14th in Seattle for our annual gala! Please contact Maria Davis at MariaDavis@vitalvoices.org for more info.



Your sustained support enables Vital Voices to invest in more women leaders and provide deeper, continued support to the 16,000+ women already in our Global Leadership Network. You ensure we will deliver more opportunities, trainings, skills-buildings and most importantly, change. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Smith

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