

YOUNG PEOPLE FOR

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PEOPLE FOR THE AMERICAN WAY FOUNDATION

WHAT'S GOING ON

Dear << Test First Name >>,

For the last eight years, this country has seen a steady rise in the number of young people who are expressing their views at the polls in presidential and mid-term elections. Young voters have proven to be reliably progressive at the ballot box. As a result, evidence that conservative efforts to suppress the vote among young people has increased steadily through onerous policy like Voter ID bills, unreasonably restrictive residency requirements, and voter intimidation tactics.

However, the important progressive issues you advocate for in your community – the reasons you spend your time planning events, running campaigns, writing articles, voting, etc. – were not resolved when the ballots were counted. And our efforts can't be, either.

This year we will see some of the toughest political battles of our lifetime. Violence prevention. Immigration reform. LGBTQ marriage equality. [Voter suppression](#). Corporate money in politics. Each of these fights will have a huge impact on the future of this country, and each of them need the voices of young people.

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This month's featured Fellow is **Andrea Headley, a 2012 Fellow**, studying at the University of Miami.

Andrea Headley (2012) is currently finishing up her last year at the University of Miami. An expected May 2013 graduate, she is a double major in Human and Social Development and Criminology with a minor in Communication Studies. She has worked with various non-profit organizations, taught law at an all-boys detention center, conducted community based research, worked for political campaigns, and currently mentors and tutors student athletes. She deeply rooted belief in equity and

That is why we are reaching out to you to help us generate the necessary conversations in your communities and on your campuses that will frame what that means for our generation. We will be calling on you to amplify the concerns of your community and engage in issues that are impacting young people across the country. We hope that you answer that call.

We also hope you'll help us strengthen and deepen this important work by [sharing this video](#) with 5 of your friends, so that they, too, can add their voices to the movement.

Whether through [financial support](#), organizing efforts, or [spreading the word](#) to your networks about the work of Young People For, we hope you will join us in creating change that lasts!

All the best,



Director
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Back on their campuses and in their communities, with the fresh ideas and sharpened skills they gained at our 8th annual National Summit, YP4 Fellows are hard at work finalizing their Blueprints for Social Justice. After a thorough proposal review process, through which YP4

opportunity for all drives her to be deeply committed to juvenile justice and education access.

[\[Click the link to read more about Andrea\]](#)

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If you would like to help guarantee that none of our Fellows miss out on the opportunity to participate in the Fellowship Program this year, [click here to make a generous donation](#).

Your contribution will help cover the cost of transporting, feeding, and housing over 150 fellows as they travel to the Regional Trainings from over 80 campuses and 32 states.

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staff and alumni provide comprehensive feedback on each Fellow's Blueprint proposal & budget request, Fellows are finally ready to begin implementing their Blueprints in their communities! Check out these stellar 2012 Fellows who are already rolling on their Blueprints:

Beatriz De La Espriella has developed **Above Status**, an immigrant and allies led grassroots organization based in Orlando, Florida, which focuses on (1) bringing justice to our under-represented immigrant community (2) raising awareness about issues that affect them and (3) making a difference by holding others accountable for actions that oppress our immigrant community. Above Status is already creating space for positive social change in its community, by hosting the Florida Immigrant Youth Network's Strategy Session in early March—during which leaders from around the state will be meeting to develop our statewide campaign strategy towards immigration reform—and by supporting this statewide campaign by hosting an action on April 30th to showcase stories of children whose parents have been deported by the current enforcement laws.

Ashely Dickerson has established **TogetHER**. It is an empowerment program for girls in Southern Arizona, to promote their personal empowerment, increase their leadership skills, and highlight the importance of education and community service. TogetHER is partnering with a local elementary school to lead its first weekend training on April 27th and will engage students and community members, including a young local author and University of Arizona students.

pictures and more! YP4's on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Future 5000... you name it.

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ALUMNI IN ACTION:

Ezra Temko, a 2006 YP4 and FLLA Alum is currently organizing with Americans for Democratic Action in Delaware on a campaign aimed at making Delaware's income tax more progressive.

2012-2013 Fellow, **Marvin Mathew** recently spoke at The Millennial Ideas Forum, a convening of forward thinking individuals jointly organized by the New America Foundation and the Millennial Trains Project.

Cristina Lara, 2012-2013 Fellow, who has officially joined the National Council of La Raza's (NCLR) Youth Advisory Committee as the representative for the Northeast!

2012-2013 FLLA Fellow **Charlene**

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for the 2013-2014 Fellowship Class are being accepted until February 28th, 2013. Each year, our strongest Fellows come to us through recommendations of alumni, partners, and supporters like you. Be sure to [nominate an emerging leader](#) before the deadline, and encourage them to [apply to be a YP4 Fellow](#) today!

The **Front Line Leaders Academy (FLLA)** is a premier leadership development program offered jointly every year by the Young Elected Officials (YEO) Network and Young People For (YP4) to 20 talented young people from across the country. FLLA provides those interested in greater civic participation the ability to learn from successful political campaign professionals. For eight months FLLA works with young, emerging leaders and provides trainings on a wide range of leadership development and basic political skills. Fellows receive training on the five core competencies of political campaigns. Fellows selected to this elite academy are trained on, amongst other things, the basic skills for how to be an effective candidate, campaign manager, finance director, communication director and field organizer. This leadership development program offers intense trainings for young leaders who demonstrate the potential and desire to take on a leadership role within a campaign. [Apply now!](#) Know a dynamic young leader? [Nominate a progressive leader](#) today!

Now more than ever, there is a need for young people capable of tackling complex problems and systems, invested in building stronger communities, and inspired

Carruthers has recently taken on the position of Director of Online Engagement at [National People's Action](#) in her hometown of Chicago.

At the national summit over 50 alumni volunteered their time, expertise, and energy to help prepare the 2012 fellows to take their blueprints for social justice from paper to fruition in their communities. We can't thank all the blueprint trainers and support staff enough for all the work and time they put in to making this weekend a success. Thank you again!!

The Alumni Board is an opportunity for alum to enhance their leadership skills and contribute significantly to YP4. The board will consist of 12 diverse members from across the country, who together will fundraise, provide programmatic support, serve as YP4 trainers, and work with YP4 staff on growing the Alumni Network. Apply by to serve on the [2013-2014 Alumni Board](#) by **February 24th, 2013**.

Join the YP4 NYC Local Network as they explore the new ACTIVIST NEW YORK exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York. Activist New York explores the drama of social activism in New York City from the 17th century right up to the present. In a town renowned for its

by the power of ideas in action. [The Roosevelt Institute | Summer Academy](#) aims to bring those committed to progressive change together to enable them with the tools, experiences, and community to be powerful actors in the political process. **Participate in an online informational session about the 2013 Summer Academy to learn more about the fellowship experience.** [Sign up here.](#)

[NCLR's Líderes Initiative](#) is hosting its sixth annual Advocacy Days *Congreso* for high school and college students, and young professionals at the 2013 NCLR National Latino Advocacy Days. The *Congreso* helps young people understand NCLR's national policy agenda and equips them with the tools they need to be advocates for the Latino Community. Apply today!

[APALA](#) is seeking interns with a strong commitment to social justice and worker rights for our national office, located in Washington D.C. Internships are available year-round and APALA is flexible on start and end dates. There are full-time and part-time internships available. At least a two-month commitment is required. Depending on individual interests, APALA interns will have the opportunity to work on a host of projects, including, but not limited to Communications, Research, Organizing and Legislative. Apply today

The National Youth Advisory Board (NYAB) consists of 24 hardworking and dedicated individuals, ranging in age from 14 to 24. Middle school, high school and college students, as well as young people not in school, work together to represent youth of all ages, backgrounds and communities. This board provides

in-your-face persona, citizens of the city have banded together on issues as diverse as historic preservation, civil rights, wages, sexual orientation, and religious freedom. Using artifacts, photographs, audio and visual presentations, as well as interactive components that seek to tell the entire story of activism in the five boroughs, Activist New York presents the passions and conflicts that underlie the city's history of agitation. Activist New York is the inaugural exhibition in The Puffin Foundation Gallery, which is dedicated to the ways in which ordinary New Yorkers have exercised their power to shape the city's and the nation's future. To learn more about [the event](#) email, [Aries Dela Cruz](#).

We know our fellows continue to create change in their communities. Check out some of their accomplishments in '11 (<http://bit.ly/KQvcK9>) & '12 (<http://bit.ly/KIKGbM>)!

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insights and feedback on every aspect of loveisrespect.org -- from its design to how it's marketed. Working both online and off, NYAB members write blogs for the site, host awareness-raising events across the country, [meets monthly](#) and generally take steps forward toward youth empowerment, awareness and success!

[Apply Today!](#)

The Midwest Academy is now accepting applications for their Summer Internship Program. The program trains college-aged young people and places them with organizations in Chicago to work on a campaign for 10 weeks. This year, we are looking for about 12 promising young progressives to work on some exciting campaigns in Chicago. Interns must currently live or plan to live in Chicago for the summer. [Click here for more info!](#)

[The Southern Education Foundation \(SEF\)](#), is reaching out to tomorrow's leaders through the **2013 Southern Education Leadership Initiative**. We are seeking outstanding upperclassmen and graduate students to apply for this experiential learning opportunity. Since 2004, SEF has placed over 150 students in nearly 70 nonprofits and foundations throughout the Southern region focused on providing advocacy, grant-making, policy analysis, research, community organizing, and direct service in education. **To learn more about the program, application, and eligibility requirements and student experiences please visit:** www.southerneducation.org >Programs> **Southern Education Leadership Initiative. 2013 Applications due March 1, 2013.** Please submit questions by email to velkan@southerneducation.org.



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