

YOUNG PEOPLE FOR

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Dear << Test First Name >>>,

The story of our country is the story of more and more people claiming the right to vote. African Americans and people of color. Women. Young people. Even in our lifetimes there have been moves to expand the vote: Motor Voter, vote by mail, same day registration, no-excuse absentee voting.

But in the last few years, we've seen a dangerous backlash. Just since last year, 16 states across the country, legislatures have passed voter ID and voter registration laws intended to keep people from voting. And it's very clear who is getting excluded: the poor, African Americans, Latinos, students, the elderly.

Right now the United States is the only developed democracy in the world to be restricting, not expanding, the right to vote. That's a very scary thought.

Which is why [the work that YP4 is doing to turn out tens of thousands](#) of voters across the country is so important.

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This month's featured Fellow is **Muna Adani, a 2011 Fellow & 2012 Vote Organizer**, recent graduate from the University of Minnesota.

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30 years ago to protect what we see is the American Way: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, fairness, equal justice under the law. But the most fundamental right is the right of Americans to govern themselves—to vote.

Your work is absolutely central to what PFAW Foundation is all about. We hope that you will join us in this work through [ensuring that your friends, family, classmates, and co-workers are prepared, educated, and mobilized to cast their ballot on or before election day](#).

We're excited to be able to expand our capacity through the election by hiring [Amber Phillips](#) as the National Field Coordinator and [Djawa Hall](#) as the Data Assistant for the Vote Program. We are also joined this semester by [Emily Bonzek](#) who will be serving as an intern in the Advanced Leadership & Alumni Department. [You can read more about them here](#). Please take a moment to welcome our new team members!

All the best,



Director
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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.

[Support the newest generation of progressive leaders by making a generous gift today](#).

Watch videos, upload your YP4 pictures and more! YP4's on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Future 5000... you name it. [\[Connect with YP4\]](#)



ALUMNI IN ACTION:

YP4 would like to congratulate **all our Fellows who graduated this year!**



Muna Adani ('11) a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota envisions an equitable, sustainable, and inclusive society. To that end, Muna has been working on voter registration and civic

engagement in the Somali community. Her main goal is to get her community involved in the political process, so that their voices are heard, and they feel a part of the system. Muna says, YOU CAN DO IT too. The civic engagement work that you can do is so crucial, given the widespread effort to suppress people's votes. You are/will be doing extraordinary and invaluable work, so keep that in mind when you are feeling overwhelmed or frustrated. And if it makes a difference, just know, a girl in MN is proud of you.

EVENTS & TRAININGS

As a leadership development program we understand the importance of attending conferences and skills trainings to better hone your leadership skills. Funding is limited and available on a first come, first serve, basis. Because funding is limited we put together a toolkit on [fundraising for conferences last year](#), which might be helpful for you if you're trying to get somewhere. Let us know if you need any other support!

We are so proud to have been part of the work you've done to further progressive issues in your community.

We hope that you'll stay involved with YP4 through our Alumni Network. [Please take a moment to tell us about where you're headed!](#)

YP4 has selected 13 Senior Fellows this year. This group of alumni will continue to work on their original Blueprints for Social Justice and begin new projects. Senior Fellows include **Ruben Vogt ('05)**, **Sadia Nawab ('09)**, **Joseph Reaves ('10)**, **Shinei Gibbs ('10)**, **Marisol Becerra ('10)**, **Daniel Leon ('10)**, **Karlana Lewis ('11)**, **Joshua Jarrett ('11)**, **Alli Linder ('11)**, **Rachel Ferrari ('11)**, **Casey Clowes ('11)**, **Alisha Raccuia ('11)** & **Iberia Zafira ('11)**.

Congratulations to **Christin "CiCi" Battle, 2010 Fellow** for being accepted to the Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship Program.

Congrats to **2008 YP4 Fellow & 2012 FLLA Fellow, Sasha Ahuja!** All the best in your new role as Planned Parenthood of New York City's new Director of Government Relations.

Ryan Hurst, 2008 FLLA Fellow was accepted to the Gay & Lesbian Victory Institute [Candidate and](#)

[YP4 & National Center for Transgender Equality TONI Webinar](#) | October 5, 2012 at 3:00pm ET / 12:00pm PT

Transgender On-Campus Non-Discrimination Information (TONI) Project, is a first-of-its-kind online hub for trans people to share information about trans-affirmative college practices and policies. It also provides a space to exchange ideas for transforming a campus.

A national survey found that 45% of trans and gender non-conforming students, faculty, and staff have experienced harassment, violence, sexual abuse or expulsion because of their gender identity. Fifteen percent left school because of severe harassment.

The TONI Project can't fix all of these problems, but it can help make these challenges just a little bit easier to overcome. Join us for a YP4 webinar on TONI. Please share with your networks!

Calling all alumni!! YP4 is getting ready for our 2013 National Summit and we need you!

The success of the YP4 National Summit depends on a strong core group of committed alumni and partners who serve as Blueprint Trainers. We are looking for alum and partners with experience in curriculum review and development, training and facilitation experience, a strong desire to grow as trainers and help ensure that our Fellows have the foundation they need to implement their Blueprints for Social Justice in the Spring of 2013. YP4 will host a Training of Trainers at our DC office to review our National Summit curriculum, familiarize trainers with the curriculum and prepare

[Campaign Training](#) Program.

Ryane Ashli Ridenour, 2010 YP4 was accepted to the Gay & Lesbian Victory Institute [Candidate and Campaign Training](#) Program.

Mitra Nelson, 2012 FLLA Fellow, accepted a position as a political organizer in Minnesota.

Sean Meloy, 2007 YP4 & FLLA Fellow, is now the Campaign Manager for a congressional campaign.

Adejire Bademosi, 2010 YP4 Fellow, is taking her Blueprint for Social Justice to new heights. The FoundHER Program has recently won the Feminist in Action Award by the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Organization for Women, was featured in Young Women Entrepreneurs and Adejire recently gave a [TEDTalk](#) about her work.

Brittany Stallworth, 2012 YP4 Fellow, has been named one of six Brower Youth Award winners for 2012

2011 FLLA Fellow, Michael J. Brewer the Programs and Policy Manager at the National Black Justice Coalition, a national civil rights organization

trainers to train on it. The Training of Trainers weekend takes place November 9th -12th and attendance is mandatory. There are a limited number of travel and lodging scholarships that will be available to those that are selected to train. Talk to [Paloma Ibanez](#) if you have any questions.

[Apply NOW!](#) Applications are due by October 14th, 11:59pm PT.

YP4 Book Club

The 2010 YP4 North Fellowship group has taken the initiative to start a virtual book club where avid readers/thinkers can discuss and break down different theories, conversations and concepts within amazing literature! This virtual space has been created to have folks discuss reading, while emphasizing on the different perspectives folks can gather from different reads. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet our young amazing thinkers, seeing what books they're getting into during their growing process, and creating a passion for reading and critical analysis. Read more, learn more, change the world! **Sign up via yp4bookclub@gmail.com**! We'll add you to the group for monthly virtual meetings, as well as discussions around certain reads/sources! September and Octobers book is Pedagogy of the Oppressed by Paulo Freire, so start reading now!

YP4 Career Coaching

Are you struggling to figure out what to do next in your career? Are you curious about how to turn your passion into a fulfilling career? Are you looking for advice on how to take your career to the next level? If so, YP4 has your back!

Through YP4's Career Coaching program, alumni will

Check out **Charlene Carruthers, 2012 FLLA Fellow** on [Huffington Post Live](#) talking about voter suppression.

Stefanie Mach, 2011 FLLA Fellow is running for state office in her home state of Arizona and won her primary race in August.

Mina Itabashi, 2010 YP4 Fellow, was featured in a Strong Families post: [Is your sex education relevant?](#)

Amanda Matos, 2011 Fellow received The Citizen's Bank TruFit Good Citizen Scholarship Program and was featured in The Bronx Times for her [Blueprint Project, WomanHOOD watch their video](#).

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

Want to be featured? [Tell us](#) about the great things that you're doing!

NEED A JOB?

meet one-on-one with a Career Coach to discuss potential barriers, opportunities for growth, and to help chart a path to career fulfillment. **If you are interested, sign up [here](#).**

[YP4 Civic Engagement Program](#)

In addition to the non-partisan voter registration, education and turn out work our Civic Engagement Organizers are doing to ensure our youth voice is heard in November, YP4 is busy supporting our current Fellowship Class as they turn the energy of the summer's Regional Trainings into action this fall. With the mentorship of YP4 alumni, staff, and partners leaders in the progressive movement, 144 diverse young people across the country are laying the groundwork for sustainable, community-based work on an array of progressive issues via their Individual Leadership Development Plans. Stay tuned for an update on their progress as we get closer to the National Summit, which is shaping up to be the biggest and best yet! If you'd like to be a part of our YP4 Civic Engagement work email [Amber Phillips](#) and [request Arrive With 5 cards here](#).

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

[Action Alliance](#) | **Campus Progress | **Grant Program and Partnership Opportunities****

Campus Progress is looking for talented community and college activists to [join our Action Network](#). The Action Network is how Campus Progress works with youth-led organizations based on campuses and in communities



Like our job listings? Want more? [Join our jobs listserv!](#)

YP4 is still offering **1-on-1 Career Coaching** to our alumni. If you've just graduated and are in the midst of job searching, or looking for basic career advice spend some time with Alyssa Best and talk about your professional plans. [Sign up online](#).

Young People For, [Advanced Leadership and Alumni Program Internship](#), DC

Young People For, [Fellowship Program Internship](#), DC

ACLU of Alabama, [Development Director](#), AL

Advocates for Youth - [Coordinator of Web Development and Technology Solutions](#), DC

AFSCME 3299, [Strategic Campaign Researcher](#), CA

American Association of University Women, [Program Assistant, Fellowships and Grants](#),

that work on issues relevant to our generation. It's the way we support youth-led issue campaigns that can promote positive change to improve people's lives. To kick off the program, members of the Action Network will be invited to Washington, DC, on Nov. 9-11, 2012 to participate in our national Action Summit, which will consist of skills-based trainings and networking with leaders in policy and organizing. Other benefits include:

- o Ongoing support in planning and executing campaigns;
- o Skills-based trainings and grants that add to their capacity to organize;
- o Technical support for local events and forums that educate communities;
- o Networking opportunities with experts in organizing, policy, and government

You can learn all about being in the Action Network [here](#) or copy and paste the following link into your browser.

The [Public Policy and International Affairs \(PPIA\)](#) national fellowship program is now accepting applications for its 2013 Junior Summer Institutes. PPIA's unique outreach mission aims to recruit and train emerging leaders of diverse backgrounds for careers in the public service professions. For the past 30 years, PPIA has done this by helping students finance and academically prepare for graduate study.

[Teach For America](#), the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates and professionals—of all majors, backgrounds, and career interests—who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural low-income

DC

American Civil Liberties Union, [Lobbyist Assistant](#), DC

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, [Tam Tran Program & Outreach Fellow](#), DC

Brave New Foundation, [Associate Producer/Editor](#), CA

Code for America, [Fellowship Program Coordinator](#), CA

ConnPIRG, ConnPIRG [Campus Organizer](#), CT

Greenpeace USA, [Activist Network Internship with](#), CA

Minnesotans United for All Families, [Campus Organizer](#), MN

NARAL Pro-Choice New York, [Government Affairs and Advocacy Manager](#), NY

Restaurant Opportunities Center of Chicago (CHI ROC), [ROC-Chicago High Road Coordinator](#), IL

SEIU, [Senior Community-Political Organizer](#), DC

Teach For America, [Administrative Support Roles](#), (Anywhere in the U.S.)

communities and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity. [APPLY NOW](#) to the 2013 Teach For America corps.

THIRD APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 26, 2012

FOURTH APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, January 11, 2013

FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 15, 2013

People For the American Way is working with allied organizations and Good Magazine in an online contest, [art > MONEY: Design to Define a Movement](#), where artists and activists across the nation will submit artwork to help shed light on the need to get money out of politics. If you end up submitting a piece, please let us at PFAW know by emailing us at amendment@pfaw.org, and we'll work to showcase and promote your work.

[Outdoor Nation Explore Fund](#) is looking for the next great idea for how to connect young people with the outdoors and increase outdoor participation. If you have the answer Outdoor Nation and The North Face want to hear about it! Applications for The North Face Explore Fund 2012 Fall/2013 Winter cycle are now being accepted online through October 8, 2012.

[The Media Ideation Fellowship](#) is an investment in a new generation of social entrepreneurs. Fellows will receive financial resources and mentoring to help bring an early stage idea to life. The Media Ideation FellowshipSM is an opportunity for young innovators to test assumptions, research target

Third Wave [Foundation, Program Intern, NY](#)

WE ACT For Environmental Justice, [Director of Development Position, NY](#)

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audiences, and build strong business plans.

[Resource Generation Fellowship Program](#) is excited to announce the launch of their third class. They are a tight team of staff and leaders, and as a Fellow you will get to learn and work intimately with all our major program areas. You will be supported one-on-one by a staff member to develop your skills and knowledge of Resource Generation, the world of social change philanthropy, donor organizing, and non-profit management.

[The Torchlight Prize](#) was established by the Family Independence Initiative to recognize and reward groups of families, friends, or community members that have self-organized to strengthen their communities or neighborhoods.

The [TED Fellows](#) program brings young innovators from around the world into the TED community in order to amplify the impact of their projects and activities. Learn what the Fellows program is all about and [apply now!](#)

[Fellowship](#) | [Open Society Foundation](#) | **Deadline August 1, 2012**

The Open Society Fellowship was founded in 2008 to support individuals pursuing innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges. The fellowship funds work that will enrich public understanding of those challenges and stimulate far-reaching and probing conversations within the Open Society Foundations and in the world.

Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College- YP4 Scholarships

In conjunction with its newly established partnership with Carnegie Mellon University's H. John Heinz III College, YP4 is proud to announce the creation of the *Heinz College-YP4 Scholarship*. Beginning in 2011, Heinz College will award the scholarship to incoming students in the Master of Science in Public Policy and Management (MSPPM) program who have been YP4 Fellows. The award will be made at the time of admission (no separate application is necessary) and the student will receive at least \$6,000 per semester – most will receive more. To be considered, applicants should indicate their involvement with YP4 on the application for admission.

Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholarships

The 40 participants selected each year have strong leadership experience or exhibit high leadership potential. All participants have at least a bachelor's degree and most have a master's degree. APLP participants come from virtually all Asia Pacific countries and a tremendous range of professional backgrounds (for example, science, business, development, politics, government, civil society, medicine, religious orders, art, finance, academia, and research). The age of participants ranges from mid-20s to mid-40s, with an average age of 32. Peer learning between participants and alumni is a centerpiece of program design. The RTK is a scholarship program for law students who are committed to pursuing public interest work after graduation. Each year, the program selects 20 Scholars on the basis of commitment to public service work, leadership potential, and academic excellence. In return

for a ten-year commitment to public service, Scholars receive full tuition for all three years of law school, as well as an orientation, mentoring, and networking opportunities.

George Mason [Center for Social Entrepreneurship](#)

GMU's Center for Social Entrepreneurship's mission is to launch leaders of social ventures with a focus on undergraduates, graduates, or recent alumni. The center engages faculty and established entrepreneurs and leaders from all sectors in their work, but the success of that engagement, ultimately, is measured by its impact on inspiring, informing and incubating the next generation of social entrepreneurs.

[ProInspire](#) Fellowship Program

ProInspire's flagship program, the ProInspire Fellowship, recruits top business professionals with 2-5 years of business experience who want to use their skills for social impact and to invest in a growing community of ProInspire fellows. Fellows spend one year working in an analytical or strategic role at a nonprofit organization. After the Fellowship, Fellows engage with our community of alumni to continue investing in the sector.

The [2013 Grinnell Prize](#) honors individuals under the age of 40 who have demonstrated leadership in their fields and who show creativity, commitment and extraordinary accomplishment in effecting positive social change. Up to three \$100,000 awards will be divided evenly, with half going to the individual(s) and half to the organization(s) committed to each winner's area of social justice. Nominations are due by November 5.

[Apply by November 11 to be a 2013 New Leaders](#)

[Council Fellow](#). The NLC Institute is a nationally-recognized, leadership training program, where dynamic professionals find the skills, the network and the training they need early in their careers to make a meaningful impact in their communities.

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