



# 17th Annual Local to Global Justice Forum & Festival

## COMPASSIONATE RESISTANCE

Arizona State University  
February 16 - 18th, 2018

Presentations by Community Activists  
and Organizers • Workshops •  
Forum Discussions • Youth Activities •  
Music • Healthy Food •  
All Free!

FRI, FEB 16  
6 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Location: Phoenix Youth Hostel  
1026 N 9th St, Phoenix, AZ 85006

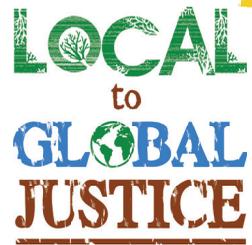
SAT, FEB 17  
9 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Panels, Workshops, Youth Activities,  
Performances, Organizations

ASU Tempe Campus  
COOR & Farmer Buildings

SUN, FEB 18  
6 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Community Solidarity Event (TBA)



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# Welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Local to Global Justice Forum & Festival!

This year's theme, **Compassionate Resistance**, emphasizes standing in solidarity, community building, and face-to-face interactions to continue building momentum for progressive changes inspired by hope, care, and compassion for each other and our communities. We hope that the discussions and workshops of the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Local to Global Justice Forum & Festival will inform future actions and resistance movements, both locally and abroad.

We welcome you to the 17<sup>th</sup> **Annual Local to Global Justice Forum & Festival** — a weekend of workshops, panels, children's activities and keynote speakers — and a community solidarity action! Workshops and panels will address issues of justice, including immigration, the criminal system, and indigenous rights, — all while enjoying healthy food, spoken word performances, live music, youth activities, yoga, and meditation. Please spend some time visiting the tables in the breezeway and feel free to share information on your own groups and upcoming events on the table across from the snack and beverage area.

This year's Forum & Festival opens on Friday night at the **Phoenix Hostel & Cultural Center** with great vegan food stylings from **Mario Etsitty** and a dramatic reading of Kate Bornstein's play, "**Hidden: A Gender**," directed by ASU graduate student **Madison West**.

Over the weekend, the 17<sup>th</sup> Forum & Festival includes several NEW additions! On Saturday morning, we feature a "**Compassionate Resistance Machine**," created by performance artist **Leora Sapon-Shevin** (joining us from Tucson), a poetry space with local poet, **William Wonderful**, and an interactive art activity with **Womxn** on the theme "What does freedom mean to you?"

We also continue to offer **yoga, meditation, and other forms of compassionate and embodied activism**, as well as **free healing energy clinics** with **Carol Crooker** (check in at the registration table).

We will feature children/youth activities and a "**Children's Space**" where art supplies, books, and various activities will be available on a drop-in basis — look for us near the playground. **Aysegul Ciyer** will again share books, activities, and her dog with children, with a focus on animal rights and advocacy. Children of all ages will be able to make signs and banners, facilitated by **Gil (Kanyata) Hathaisarn**, and **Tommie Oliverio-Lauderdale** will share a high school youth "speak out" video installation. Dreamers will be featured in the afternoon keynote panel and immigrant rights activists will facilitate workshops after the keynote panel.

Saturday afternoon features an **Arizona keynote panel on Compassionate Resistance and Immigration Rights**, featuring **Karina Dia de la Ruiz** (Arizona Dream Act Coalition), **Vasthy Lamadrid** (Undocumented Students for Education Equity), **Karyna Jaramillo** (Trans Queer Pueblo), and **Maria Castro** (Puente). Hands-on workshops on organizing for actions follow the panel, featuring many of the same community organizers, including **Karina Dia de la Ruiz** (ADAC), **Maria Castro** (Puente), **Korina Iribe** (USEE), **Teodora Mejia Gaspar**, and **Justice that Works**.



Saturday ends with planning for the **Sunday community solidarity action**, we will reconvene in the Education Lecture Hall to finalize details for our community solidarity event.

Food and snacks during breaks are again donated in part by **Tempe Farmers Market** (Stacey and Daryle Dutton) and **Cortez Coffee** (Ron Cortez, owner, providing organic, direct-trade coffee). All other food provided by Local to Global Justice donors and volunteers. *If you have fruit trees or access to other healthy food to donate — please drop it off at the registration table.* Back by popular demand, Saturday lunch features a vegan feast from **Green New American Vegetarian** and music by Phoenix favorite, **Walt Richardson**.

### **Registration & Convergence Space**

Please stop by the convergence space (registration tables) with any questions and to sign up for our announcements listserv. We can hook you up with housing, good places to eat in the evenings, programs, and supplies. **Please support the Forum & Festival with your donations** to keep the event free and open to all!

Reminder that we are doing a community action on Sunday so there will be no programming at ASU on February 18! (Details shared at our closing session.)

### **Wanna help?**

The Forum & Festival is a big event, put together each year by a small and growing group of volunteers. We ALWAYS need more help with food service, children's activities, clean-up, filling water containers, etc. If you have some time during the event, do stop by the convergence space and volunteer! If you would like to join the planning team for the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum and Festival**, please let us know — we begin meeting in the Fall — see website calendar for details ([localtglobal.org](http://localtglobal.org))!

### **Acknowledgments**

*Many thanks* to the students, community activists, and faculty who worked for many months to plan, fund, and facilitate the this year's Forum & Festival! The planning team and volunteers can be found at the registration area (and serving food). Shout-outs to the planning team! This past year has seen a combination of returning leadership and new activists on the planning team and most of our work was done by the full group, with team members taking on multiple roles. Thanks to **Jen** (program coordination), **Jon, Annamaria, Richard, Eric, Jorge, Amanda, and Beth** for their work on the program; **Eric and Amanda** for their work on art and music; **Carlo, Jen, and Beth** on funding; **Eric, Annamaria, Debby, and Beth** on food donations, snacks, and catering; and **Areej** (who designed this year's posters & program cover), **Amanda, Komalpreet, Annamaria, and Jen** on publicity/social media. Thanks also to **Madison and Greg** on Friday night's play; **Annamaria and Jorge** on the Living Library; **Tommie, Gil (Kanyata), and Aysegul** on children and youth activities; and faculty advisers **Jen and Beth** on funding and overall coordination, support, and logistics.

Thanks to **DJ, of Copper Star Digital**, who continues to bring her skills to our website and social media.

A **special thanks** to the co-sponsors listed on the back of the program and to the many activists, organizations, artists, performers, cooks, presenters, and friends who volunteer their time and vision to sustain this event and keep it **free and open to all** — for 17 years! We welcome you to another amazing event and weekend of coming together in the spirit of **compassionate resistance!** — **Beth & Jen**

# Schedule at a Glance

## Friday

### **Opening Night – Phoenix Hostel – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Dramatic reading of Kate Boorstein's Play, "Hidden: A Gender" by Madison West  
Catering by Mario Etsitty

## Saturday

### **Check-in and Breakfast 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** – Farmer Atrium, ASU

### **All morning events – 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.**

Poetry by William Wonderful  
Art from Womxn: What Does Freedom Mean to You?  
Youth Voices Video Installation  
Circle of Compassion: Kids for Animal Rights  
Compassionate Resistance Machine  
Protest Signs and Banner Making

### **Session 1 – 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.**

Gardening with Ghana – Coor 195  
Intentional Activism: Leveraging Personal Politics to Support Immigrant's Rights  
(9:30-11:15) – Coor 186  
Yogis for Social Justice: Facing Racism, Creating Equity – Coor L1-84  
Funding Social Justice – Coor 184

### **Session 2 – 10:30 to 11:20 a.m.**

Our Voice, Our Vision: A Bridge In/Bridge Out Exercise – Coor 120  
Twin Hearts Meditation: Building Personal and Global Compassion – Coor 184  
Clean Buses for Healthy Niños – Coor L1-84  
Against the Politics of Nonviolence – Coor 195  
Systematic Inequities: From Education to Societal Integration – Coor L1-10  
Yoga & Appropriation: A Session to Restore and Reflect (10:30-12:20) – EDC 220  
(includes yoga session)

### **Session 3 – 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.**

# Schedule at a Glance

## Saturday continued

It's All About the Connection: Compassionate Communication – Coor 186

The Ballad or The Beat (Black Dialogue): Black Music & the African Resistance  
Aesthetic – Coor 184

Iran Protests & Trump's Support: Fake Compassion Aiding an Attempted Soft  
Coup – Coor 195

Disability Advocacy in the Trump Era – Coor L1-10

What is DACA and the Clean Dream Act? – Coor 120

### **Lunch & Music – 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.**

Food catered by Green New American Vegetarian – Farmer Atrium

Musical performance by Walt Richardson

### **Local Keynote Panel – 2:00 to 3:15 p.m.**

“Compassionate Resistance & Immigration Rights” – ED 117

A discussion with members of Puente, Arizona Dream Act Coalition,  
Undocumented Students for Education Equity, and Transqueer Pueblo

### **Direct Action Workshops – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

Arizona Dream Act Coalition – Coor 184

Puente Arizona – Coor 186

Justice That Works – Coor L1-10

A History of Resiliency: Undocumented Students in Action – Coor 195

Gender and Sexuality Rights – ED 220

### **Closing discussion – 4:30 to 5:30**

Planning for Community Solidarity Event – EDC 117

## Sunday

### **Direct Action – to be determined**

Event will be finalized during the closing session on Saturday.

## Schedule with Descriptions

### Friday Night Dinner & Blessing – 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

At Phoenix Hostel, 1026 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix



#### Mario Etsitty – The Rez, An Urban Eatery

The reception features free and vegan treats with a Navajo flair.

### Friday Night Entertainment – 6:45 to 9:15 p.m.

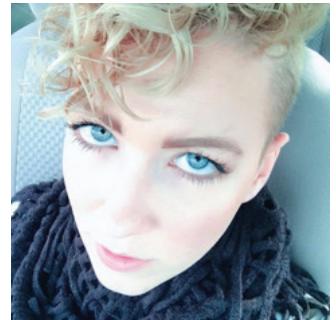
#### Dramatic reading of Kate Boorstein’s Play, “Hidden: A Gender.”

“Hidden: A Gender,” by Kate Bornstein, explores the social construction of gender as informed by capitalism in a wonderfully fun and upsettingly real fashion. The play follows three “gender outlaws” as they explore their own gender identities while asking that the audience participate as well in questioning how they relate to gender.

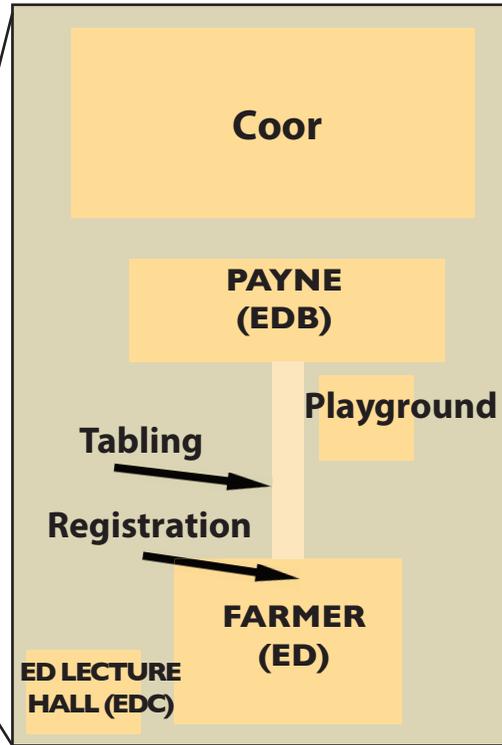
Followed by a discussion of the play.

#### Madison West

Madison is a graduate student in the School of Social Transformation and the School of Sustainability pursuing her Master’s in Justice Studies and Sustainability. She works with theatre as a tool for social discovery in her research around gender and water access.



# Map of the Forum & Festival – Arizona State University



## Quick Guide

Farmer – Registration

Lunch & Music

Coor – Saturday Workshops

Payne – Morning Meditation & Yoga

Ed Lecture Hall – Workshops

Closing Discussion



# Schedule with Descriptions

## Saturday Morning

**Registration and Breakfast Snacks 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** – Farmer Atrium

Food for breaks/snacks are again donated in part by **Tempe Farmers Market** (Stacey and Daryle Dutton) and **Cortez Coffee** (Ron Cortez-owner, providing organic, fair trade coffee). Other food provided by Local to Global Justice donors and volunteers.

## All-morning Events – 9:30 to 12:20 a.m.

### Poetry by William Wonderful

Local poet William Wonderful will have a table in the atrium breezeway, displaying his poetry.

### Art by Womxn: What does freedom mean to you?

Art from Womxn will be on display near the registration table throughout the morning, on ideas of freedom and justice.

### Youth Voices Video Installation: Interviews with Local High School Students

Come and listen to local high school students' perspectives gathered by Tommie Oliverio-Lauderdale and edited by Greg Broberg.

### Circle of Compassion: Kids for Animal Rights

Led by Aysegul Ciyer, this workshop offers a selection of educational and fun books about animal rights and justice for children of all ages, story time, and activities. Aysegul will share books and related activities for children on the playground until 12:30pm.

### Compassionate Resistance Machine – Meet at the registration table at 11:15

Come help Amaranth the clown put together a compassionate resistance machine using creativity, props, and hope to create positive energy! By Leora Sapon-Shevin.

### Protest Signs and Banner Making

Led by Gil (Kanyata) Hathaisarn.

## Saturday Session 1 – 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.

### **Gardening with Ghana (youth appropriate) – Coor 195**

**Janice Kroeger**, Associate Professor, Graduate Coordinator, Early Childhood Education, Teaching, Learning & Curriculum, Kent State University

**Aubrey Ryan**, Co-facilitator

**Solomon Amuzu**, Founder & Managing Director, Call to Nature Permaculture Ghana

In this workshop, presenters will discuss and foster earth-centric activism through a local to global partnership between University students and faculty and an elder local Ghanaian Permaculture Activist. The Permaculture Gardener Solomon Amuzu will discuss his work to support sustainable crops to address hunger and education in his local community; the Early Childhood Educators, Janice Kroeger and Jacob Dunwiddie will describe fundraising and collaborations across continents via social media and local ecological activism with young children.

### **Intentional Activism: Leveraging Personal Politics to Support Immigrants' Rights – Coor 186**

**Special Panel: 9:30 -11:15**

**Claudia Rivera Garcia**, Organizer, Amnesty International ASU and Undocumented Students for Education Equity

**Dylan Goodwill**, Assistant Director, Cultural Coalition

**Shannon Rosset**, Area Coordinator, Amnesty International Arizona

**Eunique Yazzie**, Board Member, Emerging Arts Leaders Phoenix; Story-Teller and Creative Advocate, Mujeres Del Sol

**Sebastian Del Portillo Estrada**, Organizer, LUCHA (Living United for Change in Arizona)

**Zahara Teacola**, Black Lives Matter Metro; Multicultural Solidarity Coalition

Personal politics can be a powerful force for justice. Join Amnesty International ASU and a panel of local activists to discuss how we can best support immigrants' rights with compassion and accountability in our day-to-day lives.

### **Yogis for Social Justice: Facing Racism, Creating Equity – L1-84**

**Patricia Modelista**

Sadly, being a 'good person' isn't enough to reverse systemic racism. There is plenty you can do! If you agree there is a problem, but aren't sure how to help, join us for this discussion. For decades people of color have dedicated their lives to ending racism. Now as white folks, it's time to step up and join the movement to create an equitable and just society for all people. As we face, accept, and understand how our history and perceptions shape our present world, we can begin to do the essential inner work required to build a fair system that truly honors humanity. You have the power to change the world, and now is the time to put your heartfelt intention into action. You will go home inspired and empowered with information and simple practices that will support our collective transformation. \*\*This is not an asana practice.\*\*

## **Funding Social Justice – Coor 184**

**Elizabeth Venable**, Shot in the Dark Phoenix

This presentation will look at issues in fundraising for social justice and mechanisms for supporting projects. Fundraising examples will be given. Will address grants and individual donations. Critique of current fundraising systems and their reinforcement of class inequality will also be discussed.

## **Saturday Session 2 – 10:30 to 11:20 a.m.**

### **Our Voice, Our Vision: A Bridge In/Bridge Out Exercise – Coor 120**

**laPWG 1st Artist & Poet Residents**

In the United States, we are promised inalienable rights, yet we're not free. This interactive workshop designed by laPWG's 1st Artist & Poet Residents - womxn who are currently system-involved - builds on the current empowerment movement to ask what happens next. We will also engage participants in the discovery of what freedom means in a world when dreams are pitted against survival.

### **Twin Hearts Meditation: Building Personal and Global Compassion – Coor 184**

**Carol Crooker**, Pranic Healing

Join us for an experiential workshop and introduction to Twin Hearts Meditation. Practicing Twin Hearts Meditation builds compassion, leads to inner peace and joy, heightens intuition, improves ability to handle stress and increases energy and focus. In this workshop, experience Twin Hearts Meditation, use deep breathing exercises to heighten sensitivity to energy and learn simple techniques to cleanse your energy system.

### **Systematic Inequities: From Education to Societal Integration – Coor 195**

**Channel Powe**, candidate for Downtown Justice of the Peace

Ms. Powe will share a unique presentation that pulls from her experiences as an elected Governing Board Member, mother, community advocate and woman of color. She will engage this audience with the root cause of inequality and how we can interrupt the status quo. Over the past decade, Channel Powe has been a champion for communities, children, families and folks alike. As a young activist hailing from Detroit, Ms. Powe experienced firsthand the daunting challenges that can discourage individuals – especially those without professional political or policy backgrounds, resources, an influential rolodex, and those in communities that lack empowerment from becoming public servants in policy. Having come a long way – from an upstart child advocate to elected Governing Board Member, Maricopa County Transportation Advisory Board Member, Founder of Powe Power and Downtown Justice Of The Peace Candidate. Ms. Powe sees it as an opportunity, an obligation, and a responsibility to share her experience, bring awareness on issues, train those who want to engage, and foster relationships with those who want systemic change; universal change.

## **Clean Buses for Healthy Niños – Coor L1-84**

Masavi Perea, Director of Chispa

In the environmental community, Chispa is unique. We are one of the only environmental programs truly engaged in traditional community organizing that builds the capacity of Latino families to influence policy makers and pressure polluters to protect communities' rights to clean air and water, healthy neighborhoods and a safe climate for generations to come. In the long term, we're committed to building powerful Latino communities whose environmental voice cannot be ignored.

## **Against the Politics of Nonviolence – Coor 195**

Robert Poe

Nonviolence as a moral position and political strategy is consistently presented by social justice movements -- particularly their leadership -- as the default and most desirable approach to social change. Truisms like “violence begets violence” or “you can't tear down the master's house with the master's tools” are paraded alongside a whitewashed history of both the struggle for Civil Rights in the U.S. and the struggle for independence from British colonialism in India. In what ways does knowing the actual history of struggles for social justice challenge the politics of nonviolence? And if the violence/nonviolence dichotomy is shown to be a false one, in what way could this change the nature of the tactics used by social movements?

## **Yoga & Appropriation: A Session to Restore and Reflect – EDC 220**

Special Panel/Workshop 10:30-12:20

**Roopa Singh**, South Asian Perspectives on Yoga

People often ask me “How can I practice yoga without contributing to harms like cultural appropriation?” I wish I had an easy answer. In this session, we will do asana (gentle, restorative movements); guided meditation (loving kindness practice); and moderated group discussion on this question. I founded SAAPYA in 2013, and gathered the first public panels of South Asian American diasporic voices speaking out about cultural appropriation and mistranslations in yoga.



**Iran Protests & Trump’s Support: Fake Compassion Aiding an Attempted Soft Coup – Coor 195**

**Suzanne Distaso**, Vice-Chair, People Demanding Action (Arizona)

**Moji Agha**, Founder, Mossadegh Legacy Institute and Circles of Nonviolence/Community Collaboratives Initiative

Come see the complex intrigues behind the ugly veil of collaboration of fake compassion, between the Saudi, Israeli, & Trumpian regimes on one hand, and extreme factions of the “Islamic” regime in Iran, on the other. Come learn why the recent Iranian “bread riots” (protesting obvious poverty, injustice & Mother Earth abuse) were indeed a “surprise” to observers. Why? Because the protests’ spark was part of a miscalculated (hence backfired) attempt at a “soft coup” by the powerful – not unlike Trump regime’s fake compassion for the powerless.

**Disability Advocacy in the Trump Era – Coor L1-10**

**Ed Myers III, Esq.**

We will discuss disability advocacy both at the local and national level, particularly related to the ADA/ ObamaCare/Disability Integration Act (still a bill) and Special Education. We will talk about the pull back of several federal guidelines and policies.

**What is DACA and the Clean Dream Act? – Coor 120**

**Daniela Benitez**, Membership Service, Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA)

**Gina Mendez**, Civic Engagement Organizer, Arizona Center for Empowerment (ACE)

This panel we will discuss how people can take action and get involved during this political climate. We will discuss how civic engagement is connected to every issue and everything, from immigration, and education, to liberation. During this panel, you will learn how to use the system to fight the system through electoral work, advocacy, and direct action.

**It’s all about the Connection: Compassionate Communication – Coor 186**

**Sylvia Boutelier**

Psychologist Marshall Rosenberg’s Compassionate Communication and its uniquely empathetic and disarming language of nonviolence, focusing upon feelings, needs, and requests, and getting away from judgments, fighting words, or other mudslinging characteristic of “Us and Them” attitudes – helps bring the core human need and element to any effective social activism or resistance: Connection. Thus, with resistance and defenses lowered – on both sides – this caring and face-to-face communication style will engender the creation of not only the “us,” collaborative partnerships and community building amongst activists, but we will also achieve the same for the “them,” the resistance that had been targeted against. Resource handouts and Q & A will be provided.

## **The Ballad or The Beat (Black Dialogue): Black Music and the African Resistance Aesthetic – Coor 184**

Tafari Osayande, Osayande Consulting, LLC

From soul to Hip-hop music, people of African descent have used Black music as a space of (compassionate) resistance to address racialized structural inequalities and injustices. In honor of Black History Month, “The Ballad or The Beat (Black Dialogue): Black Music and the African Resistance Aesthetic” workshop will explore how Black musicians, through their artistry, have affirmed African people’s humanity and freedom struggle, provided the soundtrack for historical movements, and inspired generations of organized resistance to interrogate complex social issues. Via a powerful multimedia presentation, workshop attendees will witness and hear firsthand the Black dialogue of resistance that comprises the aesthetic of Black Music.

## **Pranic Healing Clinic –12 to 2 p.m.**

Carol Crooker

Come experience Pranic Healing. Mini-healings will be given following the protocols taught by Grandmaster Choa Kok Sui. Sign up at the registration table.

## **Saturday Lunch and Music – 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.**

**Food catered by Green New American Vegetarian – Farmer Atrium**

### **Walt Richardson**

Tempe favorite Walt Richardson II, has been singing, writing songs, and playing guitar as far back as he can remember. At one time he was planning to pursue a career in bio-chemistry. That was when he learned the power of music and live performance. Richardson is the host of the popular “Walk-in Wednesdays” Open Mic Night series and the award-winning Songwriters’ Showcase concert and television series. “In the Spotlight” allows him to continue his support of the live music community.



***Be sure to visit the many community tablers and look for some new additions including a poetry booth and a performance artist!***

## Saturday Local Keynote Panel– 2:00 to 3:15 p.m.

### **Compassionate Resistance and Immigration Rights – ED 117**

Join us for a panel presentation from local activists in the Phoenix area, as they share their experiences on immigration, justice, and compassionate resistance.

#### **Karina Ruiz**

Karina Ruiz is the current Executive Director at the Arizona Dream Act Coalition, a non-profit dedicated to fight for immigrant youth higher education accessibility as well as immigrant rights. She was born in Mexico City, and has lived in Phoenix, Arizona since 1999 when she immigrated with her parents at the age of 15. She got involved with the dreamers movement after the DACA announcement in 2012, and received DACA status in 2013. She has helped dreamers fill out their DACA applications since 2012, and has actively participated in voter registration efforts with the One Arizona Table, and collaborated with the Mexican Consulate in Phoenix, the Phoenix Union School Districts, and the Foro Dreamers in Movimiento 2016. Karina was recently arrested in a peaceful civil disobedience demonstration at the Senate Building Cafeteria in Washington DC as part of efforts to pass the Clean Dream Act, which would provide permanent protection from deportation and a pathway to citizenship for over 2 million young immigrants in the country.



#### **Vasthy Lamadrid**

Vasthy Lamadrid is a senior at Arizona State University studying Political Science with a teaching certificate. She is also a student worker at DREAMzone and co-founder of Undocumented Students for Education Equity (USEE). She is passionate about educating others about her experience as an undocumented student.

## Karyna Jaramillo

Karyna Jaramillo is a fierce trans Latina woman who's fighting every day for immigrant justice. She is the defense coordinator for Trans Queer Pueblo. While at the Eloy Detention Center in 2015, she was humiliated by the jokes and harassment by detention officers and the men. Now she visits and encourages other detainees.

Translated by Carlo Altamirano Allende.



## Maria Castro

Maria Castro is a community organizer for Puente Arizona, as well as People United for Justice. Her mother was deported when she was 12, and, although she has since returned, the fear remains. Castro continues to fight for migrant rights and police reform.



## Direct Action Workshops – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Afternoon Snacks & Beverages – Farmer Atrium  
From 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

After the Keynote Panel, come to a workshop to learn how to begin organizing in your community, to create opportunities and become involved in compassionate resistance.

### A History of Resiliency: Undocumented Students in Action – Coor 195

#### **Korina Iribe Romo**

Advocacy Director and Co-founder of Undocumented Students for Education Equity; Field Director at David Garcia for Governor 2018

This workshop will cover a timeline of significant events at the national and state level that have shaped and affected the lives of undocumented students up to the current moment we are in. We will also discuss and analyze the concept of direct action and how it directly pertains to the success of immigrant youth movement.

Participants will have the opportunity to use some of their new knowledge during a direct action development break out session.



### Gender and Sexuality Rights – ED 220

**Teodora Mejia Gaspar**, mother, grandmother, undocumented, activist  
Translated by Carlo Altamirano Allende

I migrated to the US in 2003 searching for my kidnapped daughters. My two daughters are DACAdmented, and when one of them told me she identified as queer, I was full of shame and worry. Later she invited me to join the Dreamers movement. After she joined Queer Undocumented Immigrant Project (QUIP), I became the first QUIPmom. That's when I began my path to acceptance and sharing resources for parents in Spanish using theater as a tool and method. Since then, I have been facilitating Family Acceptance workshop for the Hispanic community.

This workshop will begin with a sage cleansing, and give some background on Trans Queer Pueblo, and then discuss methods for understanding the roles of gender and sexual identity, binary and intersectional identity, and religious identity while mapping our roots.



**Arizona Dream Act Coalition – Coor 184**

**Karina Dia de la Ruiz**

**Puente Arizona – Coor 186**

**Maria Castro**

**Justice That Works – Coor L1-10**

## **Closing Discussion**

### **Discussion of Community Solidarity and Direct Action – Farmer Atrium**

Join us for a closing discussion on compassionate resistance and to plan a community solidarity event in support of immigrant rights for Sunday, February 18. Please join the organizing committee to help contribute to this event!

*Help with clean up is always appreciated!*

## **Sunday Morning Direct Action**

### **Direct Action – to be determined**

Event to be organized during the closing discussion on Saturday afternoon. Please join us for this action.





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