

## The #Fight4AFuture Network

Generation Progress is a national organization that works with and for young people to promote progressive solutions to key political and social challenges. Generation Progress engages a diverse group of young people nationwide, inspires them to embrace progressive values, provides them with essential trainings, uplifts their voices in the political process, and gives them the resources they need to push national and local policy in a progressive direction.

In 2013, Generation Progress launched the Gun Violence Prevention Network, the first intentional and national effort to reach out to young people on the issue of gun violence. Since then, we have been a leader in building an inclusive movement with a holistic view towards long-term, proactive solutions to the gun violence crisis in America.

Since our first Gun Violence Prevention Summit with 115 young organizers in 2014, we have hosted 6 gun violence prevention and criminal justice roundtables across the country to better understand the policy needs of impacted communities, facilitated 21 days of action, and shifted the conversation to include police-involved shootings and the criminalization of communities of color into the national gun violence prevention discourse.

At the 2016 third annual #Fight4AFuture Summit, we rebranded the Gun Violence Prevention Network to the #Fight4AFuture Network, as we make an intentional effort to incorporate criminal justice reform in our work.

### How can the Generation Progress #Fight4AFuture Network help you?

The Generation Progress Gun Violence Prevention Network [now the #Fight4AFuture Network] has helped me by providing me with resources, talking points, and opportunities to uplift the voice of my community, which has been affected so much by gun violence and a broken criminal justice system. — *Camiella Williams, Chicago, IL*



### We are building a movement that is:

- Inclusive, diverse, and sensitive to the urgent needs of communities most impacted by gun violence
- Led by young people who are motivated to address the epidemic of gun violence at its roots
- Not willing to trade away genuine security for the appearance of safety
- Committed to uplifting the vitality and power of communities fighting against gun violence, not just their struggles

## Our Campaigns

### **Beyond The Gun: Addressing Violence At Its Roots**

The *Beyond the Gun* campaign will work to broaden the discourse beyond policies about access to guns. This means examining why communities have violence in the first place and why people in the community feel the need to buy or use their gun. It also means looking into community-centered approaches to preventing gun violence and uplifting the voices of people who are often not heard in the movement. The overlap between resource-drained communities and communities facing high rates of violence should be addressed through reinvestment in communities and a community-centered approach to gun violence prevention.

### **Triggering Justice: Equitable Solutions for Community Safety**

The *Triggering Justice* campaign focuses on addressing problematic policing strategies, the school-to-prison-pipeline, and gun violence prevention policies that over-criminalize impacted communities, which are often communities of color. The campaign will strive to train and empower young people around these issues and ultimately drive forward policies that are centered on the needs of the community rather than punishment.

### **Creating Space: Discussing Inclusive Security**

The *Creating Space* campaign is a deliberate and proactive way for members of the #Fight4AFuture Network to start a conversation about how race impacts both gun violence and criminal justice reform. As numerous states introduce legislation like campus carry and stand your ground, we hope to bring together students, educators, and community members to have proactive discussions about what these laws mean, especially for people of color. Furthermore, in response to horrific school shootings, campuses have installed metal detectors, placed armed officers on campus, and implemented zero-tolerance policies. Communities should come to an agreement on definitions for genuine security, and ensure we are not trading in for the mere appearance of safety.