

STAND AGAINST RACISM 2020: GUIDE FOR PARTNERS

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YWCA's annual [Stand Against Racism](#) campaign is the cornerstone of our national network's efforts to eliminate racism, wherever it exists, by any means necessary. The campaign is designed to build community among those who work for racial justice and raise awareness about the impact of institutional and structural racism. Each year, communities across the United States find an issue or cause that inspires them to take a stand against racism, and to unite their voices to educate, advocate, and promote racial justice.

During YWCA's 14th annual Stand Against Racism on April 23-26, 2020 — as our nation conducts the decennial census and a national election and commemorates the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment (granting some women the right to vote) and the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (removing barriers to voting for people of color) — we invite YWCAs and allied groups to join us in organizing around the myriad racial justice issues that pose barriers to civic engagement for communities of color. Most importantly, we invite you to explore how the tools of civic engagement can advance the work of justice in your community and empower people of color.

Throughout this campaign, we encourage you to join us in sharing information and highlighting ways that your members and constituencies can elevate stories, promote civic engagement, talk with federal, state, and local decision makers, and take action. Our collective efforts can root out injustice, transform institutions, and create a world that sees women, girls, and people of color the way we see them: Equal. Powerful. Unstoppable.

Thank you for joining us on this immensely important mission. Please use this guide as a resource and starting point as you prepare for and participate in Stand Against Racism.



NATIONAL PARTNERS

Historically, our Stand Against Racism campaign has been focused on our national YWCA network. YWCA USA provides resources and tools for our local associations and other interested local organizations and institutions across the country, helping them to [get involved](#) by hosting an event(s) during this year's week of action and/or by participating digitally. In 2018, we expanded the campaign to other national organizations and were thrilled by the incredible support and enthusiasm that we received. This year we hope to further Stand Against Racism's national footprint by providing even more opportunities to engage with this campaign. We couldn't be more excited to have your support as an official [Stand Against Racism partner!](#)

As an official national partner, we ask that you promote, share, and support Stand Against Racism in at least one (if not more!) of the following ways:

Pre-Event Activities

- Announce your participation and share your excitement about Stand Against Racism. Tell your network that you are participating in Stand Against Racism as an official partner for the campaign and the many reasons you decided to join us (see sample social media at the end of this partner guide)! Express enthusiasm for the campaign and share why it is important to your organization. If you are hosting an event(s), share information and logistical details. Use the sample social media language in this partner guide to get started.
- Encourage your members/audience to join the campaign by inviting them to visit the campaign website and [join us](#), [sign up to hold their own event\(s\)](#), find and attend an [existing event](#), [contact their members of Congress](#) about the Voting Rights Restoration Act or the Native American Voting Rights Act, and/or participate in any of our national activities, including taking a campaign selfie.

During the Campaign Weekend (April 23 - 26)

- Promote Stand Against Racism everyday between April 23 - 26 on social media to help us create sustained attention on eliminating racism and our national Stand Against Racism campaign. (See sample social media at the end of this toolkit!)

If your organization has interest and capacity in participating in Stand Against Racism in other ways, we encourage you to:

- Attend YWCA USA's Briefing on Capitol Hill. Join us on the Hill to raise awareness about structural and institutional racism and engage legislators in the important work of eliminating racism. More information about the briefing will be available on our website, so be sure to check back soon!
- Support or participate in an event near you — and encourage your network to do the same! A list of current Stand Against Racism events around the country is available [on our website](#).
- Hold your own Stand Against Racism event(s). [Register your event\(s\)](#) on the campaign website to access other promotional tools and resources to plan an event. A Stand Against Racism event can be big or small, and take place anywhere, even online! For example, a webinar, a town hall, a community dinner, a film or book discussion, or an issue education Facebook Live are just a few ideas. Use our [SAR: Getting Started Guide](#) for even more ideas!
- Write a Letter to the Editor or Blog about your involvement in the Stand Against Racism campaign. Public issue education about the importance of eliminating racism and promoting racial equity is one of the most important ways to engage in Stand Against Racism. If you are interested in co-writing a piece with YWCA USA, please email StandAgainstRacism@ywca.org.
- Share information with your network about racial justice issues and efforts. Access the YWCA USA Stand Against Racism Toolkit by [registering for Stand Against Racism 2020](#).

HASHTAGS AND TAGGING

- #StandAgainstRacism — please use this hashtag for anything on social media related to Stand Against Racism. If you'd like, please feel free to add other hashtags from related YWCA campaigns, such as #YWomensVote, #YWomensCount, and #OnAMission, as well as anti-racism hashtags, such as #RacialEquity, #VotingRights, #GOTV, and #GetOutTheCount.
- @YWCAUSA — space permitting, please tag us in your social media posts and feel free to also tag and interact with other national partners. We will post an ongoing, rolling list of national partners on the [Stand Against Racism homepage](#).



PROMOTIONAL SHARE GRAPHICS

We encourage all our partners to utilize the [promotional shareable graphics](#) created for Stand Against Racism to enhance their social media and other external communications. Posts with photos are more likely to capture the attention of stakeholders, receive retweets, or get liked by changemakers.

SAMPLE PROMOTIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA

We encourage all Stand Against Racism National Partners to utilize the following, pre-prepared language on social media to announce their involvement:

Facebook and Instagram: [\[insert/use share graphics\]](#)

We are excited to share that we are a national partner for YWCA USA's annual Stand Against Racism campaign, taking place April 23-26. Eliminating racism once and for all is imperative, and for that to happen, we must all take part in the effort. Join us: <http://standagainstracism.org/>

I am proud to join YWCA and others across the country for Stand Against Racism. Our collective efforts can root out injustice, transform institutions, and create a world that sees women, girls and people of color the way we see them: Equal. Powerful. Unstoppable. Join Us!
<http://www.standagainstracism.org/>

We are so excited for YWCA's upcoming Stand Against Racism campaign - April 23-26 - when we will join others around the country to raise awareness, engage communities, and work to eliminate racism. Learn more and join us at <http://www.standagainstracism.org/>

Civic engagement is, and always has been, central to racial justice work. Ensuring access to the ballot box and engaging marginalized communities in the political process are powerful tools for eliminating racism and creating a more inclusive democracy. Voter registration, protecting voting rights, and breaking down barriers for women of color running for and holding elected office are foundational to this work. This week, I am joining YWCA and others for Stand Against Racism, to elevate stories, share information, and raise awareness about structural and institutional racism—and the powerful tool of civic engagement. Join us: <http://www.standagainstracism.org/>

Twitter: [\[insert/use share graphics\]](#)

We're excited to be a national partner for @YWCAUSA's #StandAgainstRacism campaign. It's time to take a stand and change our national culture. Join us! <http://standagainstracism.org/>

**YWCA IS ON
A MISSION**

eliminating racism
empowering women
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We are proud to join @YWCAUSA #OnAMission to eliminate racism. Join us for #StandAgainstRacism, April 23-26: <http://www.standagainstracism.org/>

Structural and institutional racism affects our community and all other communities across the country. That is why we are working with @YWCAUSA to end it: <http://www.standagainstracism.org/> #StandAgainstRacism

We are joining @YWCAUSA in their #StandAgainstRacism campaign because we know that racism hurts our families, our communities, and our country. Join us: <http://www.standagainstracism.org/>

#StandAgainstRacism is April 23-26: we're joining @YWCAUSA to #EliminateRacism. Will you? <http://www.standagainstracism.org/>

.@YWCAUSA's #StandAgainstRacism campaign is April 23-26 & we're a national partner! Join us & many others in highlighting the work that needs to be done to eliminate racism. <http://www.standagainstracism.org/>

This week, join us and @YWCAUSA as we raise awareness about institutional and structural racism. There are so many ways to get involved. Visit the site and find out how: <http://standagainstracism.org/join-us> #StandAgainstRacism

Our mission is bold: to eliminate racism. But we believe that it is urgent and necessary. That's why we're partnering with @YWCAUSA for #StandAgainstRacism. Join us. Together, let's work to make this a reality! <http://standagainstracism.org/>