

YOUTH Voting Miami

What:

A project to strengthen democracy and empower people to influence change.

Why:

- Our country is undergoing rapid changes in governance that are impacting many people on a very personal level.
- Laws are changing that limit people's choices and take away freedoms.
- Decisions are being made without public input.
- Many feel democracy is eroding away.

How:

- By raising awareness among teens that they can pre-register to vote 16 years old, and then they will automatically get their voter card when they turn 18.
- Develop materials and social media campaign
- Create a "Toolkit" of resources that student groups can use to conduct a program about it
- Distribute the Toolkit to all types of student groups to facilitate them spreading the word to their teen members.
- Service clubs at high schools, scout troops, after-school programs, community events

Who:

The goal is to reach teens throughout Miami with this information. Key partners in the works:

- Coral Gables Youth Advisory Board
- Interact Club, Coral Gables Senior High
- League of Women Voters – long-standing voter registration organization

Where:

- Begin in Coral Gables then spread throughout Miami-Dade County.

When:

The first event targeted to roll out the program is the Coral Gables Literacy Festival in May. The hope is to get the Coral Gables Youth Advisory Board involved to staff a tent where we can field-test the messages and the tools. We will recruit volunteers to staff the booth to talk about the importance of preregistering to vote as well as help teens register themselves.

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