

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Whether you are eligible to vote or not, there are many ways you can participate in the process of electing the representatives of your community.

- 1** It's never too late to register to vote because another election is always coming up. New Yorkers can register to vote here if you are eligible and have not already done so.
- 2** Create a personalized NYC voting plan, & help others create a plan.
 - Check your voter registration status
 - See NYC's 311 voter information page
 - Understand your ballot and look up who and what is on the ballot
 - Learn about ways to vote
 - Request or track your mail-in ballot (if you don't plan on voting in-person)
 - Make note of key dates
 - Take a look at frequently asked questions that New Yorkers have about voting
- 3** Use your voice & encourage others to vote!
 - Text/call/email five people you know to help them make a plan
 - Work or volunteer at poll sites or become an election protection volunteer
 - Participate in phone banking, join WCC on Nov. 2nd
 - Start or join an advocacy campaign about an issue important to you
 - Reach out to your elected officials about an issue you care about, find them here
 - Volunteer to assist a campaign or help register people to vote

WAYS TO COMBAT VOTER SUPPRESSION

The best way to combat voter suppression is to have a plan & avoid common mistakes that could disqualify your ballot!

- Create a solid voting plan (how/when/where)
- Know your voting rights and find out what to do if you're turned away at the polls
- Call the voter suppression hotline @ 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683), inform the New York State Attorney General and share Election Protection's page to inform your family & friends
- Be an election protection volunteer
- Do not leave the poll site without casting a ballot: if a poll worker cannot locate your name in the poll book, you are entitled to a provisional ballot
- Use the DFWMV app to document your vote in case you need evidence after an election



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TIPS FOR TALKING TO FAMILY & FRIENDS

Many people are rightfully skeptical of voting and the political process. It's not always easy talking to family and friends about the importance of voting. Here are some tips!

“There is a reason why people are working so hard for you **NOT** to vote.”

“No matter **WHAT** your concerns are, opting out of choosing who represents **YOU** and your interests is never a way to get closer to what you want. Everything you care about is impacted by your vote!”

“Participation is your right and your responsibility. Millions of people have had and are currently having their vote suppressed. Your vote or participation in the process is a way to reclaim power from a system hoping that you make its job easier and exclude yourself.”

Help others learn about the importance of voting by sharing the [YellowPain video](#).