

**LEARN TO ORGANIZE AGAINST
AND GATHER RESOURCES FOR**

**INCARCERATION
YOUR COMMUNITY.**

DANDELION RISING LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Dandelion Rising Leadership Institute (DRLI) is a leadership development program dedicated to building the leadership, capacity, and skillset of those most affected by mass incarceration and survivors of deputy abuse in the jails. DRLI prioritizes the leadership of those directly affected because they have the most insight and the highest stakes invested in changing the system. Communities most affected by sheriff abuse and incarceration – namely Black and Brown communities – have long histories of fighting to end state violence. As a participant we see you and expect you to see yourself as one of the next leaders in this movement. DRLI is rooted in Dignity and Power Now's project the Coalition to End Sheriff Violence. As an intern you will participate in building campaigns including our fight for effective civilian oversight of the sheriff's department, our campaign to stop jail expansion, and our work to reduce the jail population. Our work is rooted in upholding the dignity and power of our brothers and sisters in Los Angeles County jails. We are excited that you are interested in DRLI and look forward to reviewing your application and getting to know you!

WHAT WILL YOU GAIN FROM DRLI?

As a DRLI intern you will gain the following skills and experience:

- The ability to engage members of your community in building dignity and political power for those most affected by incarceration and sheriff department abuse
- Critically analyze how daily conditions relate to civil and human rights struggles
- Proficiency in using social media and other digital tools to build campaigns
- The ability to communicate and relate complex ideas to one's daily experience
- Public speaking and presentation skills

TASK DESCRIPTION

As a DRLI intern you will perform tasks necessary to build Coalition to End Sheriff Violence campaigns. Such tasks include:

- Researching topics necessary to support campaigns for civil and human rights
- Preparing materials necessary for events and actions
- Attending regular meetings
- Engaging your local community in issues relevant to the campaign

DANDELION RISING LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE APPLICATION

The purpose of this application is to give us a sense of who you are and your interest in the Dandelion Rising Leadership Institute. Please answer the following:

NAME: _____ **SCHOOL:** _____ **GRADE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____ **ADDRESS:** _____

1. WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A DANDELION RISING LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE INTERN?

2. HAVE YOU OR ANYONE CLOSE BEEN INCARCERATED IN A LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL?

YES _____ **NO** _____

HAVE YOU OR ANYONE CLOSE EXPERIENCED SHERIFF VIOLENCE?

YES _____ **NO** _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN (*OPTIONAL*):

3. LA COUNTY HAS THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD WITH BLACK & BROWN PEOPLE MAKING UP OVER 80% OF THOSE IN CUSTODY. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS?

4. WHAT IS ONE STRENGTH YOU WANT TO DEVELOP AND ONE CHALLENGE YOU WANT TO WORK ON DURING THIS PROGRAM?

5. WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WANT TO LEARN FROM THIS PROGRAM ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY?

6. WHAT IS ONE THING IN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT IF CHANGED WOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BLACK & BROWN PEOPLE BEING INCARCERATED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY?