

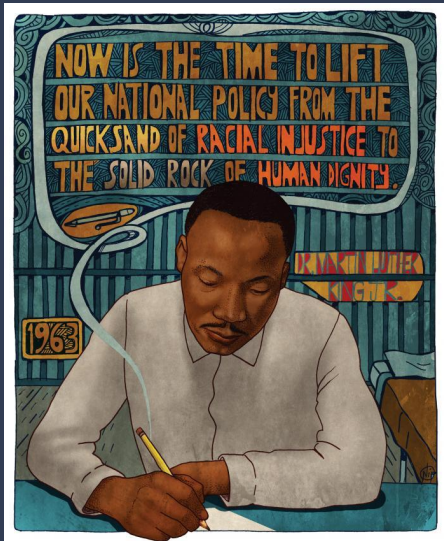
# YOUTHBUILD CONNECT CALL

## ANTI-RACISM, BLACK LIVES MATTER, AND CALL TO ACTION

### SUMMARY OF 6/18/2020 CALL HIGHLIGHTS & SHARE-OUT

#### A SHARED CALL TO ACTION

On June 18, 2020, over 150 members of the YouthBuild community participated in a virtual conversation about



Anti-Racism, Black Lives Matter, and a Call to Action. We were grateful to have leadership from YouthBuild USA's Board of Directors, Executive Leadership Team, and the National Directors Council present. Our YouthBuild community shared their hurts, concerns and how to take a stand to unroot racism.

## SHOUT IT OUT!

### PROTEST STATEMENTS READ BY JOHN VALVERDE

We must be committed to being anti-racist and calling out racism when we witness it !

I need you to have my back and I want you to know I have your back.  
We must stand together!

We believe that all lives matter, but that won't matter until black lives matter!

(Go to Time-4:47 in call recording.)

#### LOUISVILLE ARTISTS' MURAL

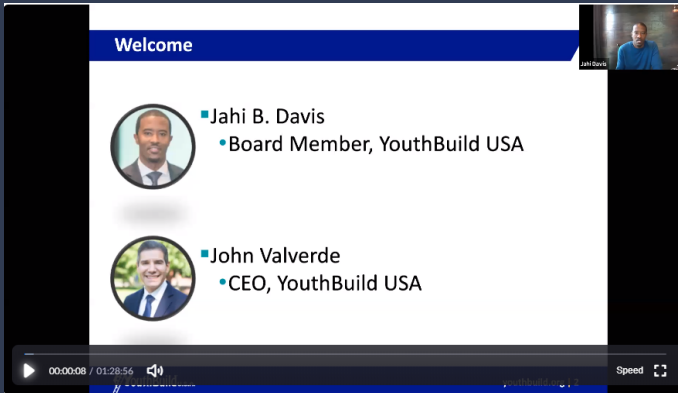


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# CONNECT CALL RECORDING SPOTLIGHT

We've highlighted just some moments on call that stood out. Click on the video and scan to the time code (T-XX:XX) to hear members of the YouthBuild community share-out.

YouthBuild USA CEO John Valverde and Board of Directors member Jahi B. Davis state encouragement & support for action. (T-00:00)



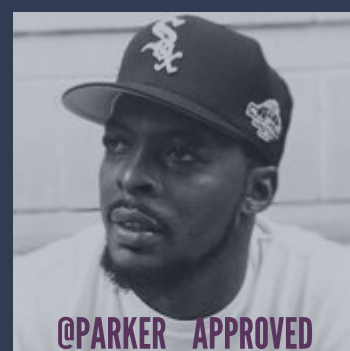
- Michael Springer, YouthBuild Louisville, KY shares the local experience of Breonna Taylor's death and the effects on their local community. (T-18:38)
- "YouthBuild... leadership and advocacy is in our blood." Michael Parker (T: 17:09)
- "Atlanta doesn't back down, they advocate for change." Kristina Smith (T:33:02)
- "If Black lives get justice and if there's systematic & institutional change, it will affect all of us." Ely Flores (T:39:00)

## TELL US MORE

HOW ARE YOU, YOUR YOUTH, AND YOUR  
COMMUNITY DOING? DOES YOUR  
PROGRAM NEED ASSISTANCE WITH  
COPING WITH THE TRAUMA?  
EMAIL US AT [ALUMNI@YOUTHBUILD.ORG](mailto:ALUMNI@YOUTHBUILD.ORG)

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**RESOURCE: ISPRC - RACIAL TRAUMA TOOLKIT**



Alumnus  
Michael Parker  
and current  
Regional  
Director, East  
Harlem Youth

Opportunity HUB at Union  
Settlement in New York City  
facilitated a discussion aimed at  
exploring our shared pain, and  
how each one of us can Educate,  
Advocate, and Inspire right now.

## WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT HOW TO... EDUCATE

- CREATE SMALL GROUPS TO RESEARCH SOCIAL JUSTICE INTEREST AREAS
- READ BOOKS/ WATCH MOVIES- DISCUSS WITH OTHERS

**RESOURCE : CHICAGO BEYOND BECOMING ANTI-RACIST TOOLKIT**

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## ADVOCATE

- ORGANIZE YOUTH TO VOLUNTEER, PROTEST & USE THEIR VOICE FOR CHANGE
  - "EQUIP US WITH KNOWLEDGE THEN MOVE OUT OF THE WAY AND LET US DO THE WORK" (YB STUDENT)
- PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS
- RAISE-UP THE ISSUE OF POLICE BRUTALITY

## INSPIRE

- TAKE WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED AND TEACH A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND
- THERE IS POWER IN YOUR VOICE! USE IT TO INFORM & INFLUENCE SPACES. HELP SHIFT MINDSETS
- CREATE MORE SPACES FOR DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS
- SHOP AT LOCAL BLACK/ MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES

**RESOURCE : GINWRIGHT & JAMES SOCIAL JUSTICE, ORGANIZING, AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

FRAMING ANTIRACISM WORK (T: 845)

- IDENTIFY & CALL-OUT RACISM: DESCRIBE IT & WORK TO DISMANTLE IT

