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WASHINGTON, DC

CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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# ABOUT US

The **Center for Leadership and Community Engagement (CLCE)** is AU's hub for community outreach, volunteering, and service learning opportunities in Washington, DC and beyond.



## CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# OUR PROGRAMS

## CSLP

The Community Service-Learning Program (CSLP) allows undergraduate students to earn an additional credit through 40 hours of fieldwork with a local nonprofit whose mission connects with their course.

Earn credit towards graduation, bring your education to life, and make an impact with a nonprofit.



Registration closes 9/9/24.  
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for CSLP!

## COMMUNITY-BASED COURSES

Want to go beyond the classroom and get hands-on experience practicing what you learn? Filter by Community-Based on Eagle Service when registering!

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## FITNESS



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KEEN's mission is to empower youth with disabilities and impact volunteer coaches through participation in free, non-competitive, one-on-one programs of physical activity and fun, supporting the overall health and well-being of all participants. KEEN is guided by our core principles of accepting every child, regardless of the nature or severity of their disability, providing all programs entirely free of charge, and meeting the needs of the individual athlete. KEEN's programs are structured so that each volunteer is assigned one program participant, or "athlete." A coach's job is to help athletes take part in different sports activities and to have a good time. No long-term commitment or experience is required.



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Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia is committed to inspiring girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident through a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running. Our programs empower young girls to develop essential life skills, build self-esteem, and foster connections within their communities, all while encouraging physical fitness. We are looking for volunteers who are passionate about youth development, physical education, and mentorship. Volunteers will have opportunities to serve as coaches, help organize community events, and support our seasonal 5K events, playing a vital role in empowering the next generation of confident and healthy young women.



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Soul Trak Outdoors is a D.C. based nonprofit organization that connects communities of color to outdoor spaces while also building a coalition of diverse outdoor leaders. We run a variety of programming to serve hands-on, experiential programming. We cherish the invaluable support from our incredible fleet of volunteers. Our work is substantially made possible through the time and energy of volunteers who show up for our community on a continuous basis. Volunteers have the opportunity to serve on Soul Trak's Outreach, Fundraising, Programming, or Flagship Volunteer Committees.

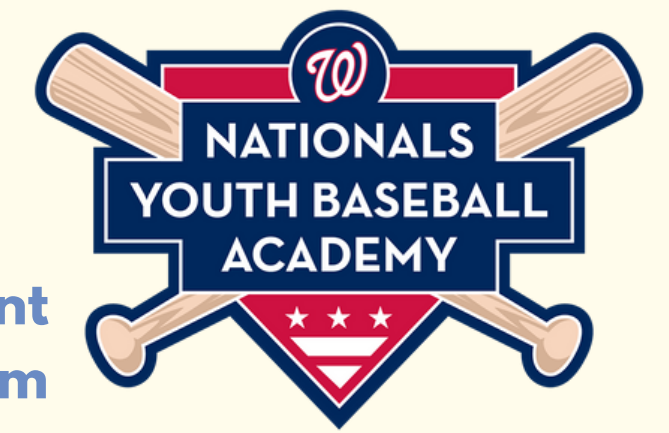
# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



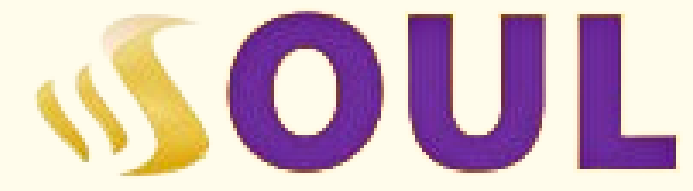
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KID Museum DC is dedicated to empowering the next generation of innovators through hands-on learning experiences that inspire creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Our interactive programs engage children in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities, maker workshops, and cultural exploration, fostering a love for learning and discovery. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are passionate about education, technology, and creativity. Volunteers will have opportunities to assist with our interactive exhibits, support program delivery, and help facilitate special events, making a meaningful impact by nurturing the curiosity and innovation of young minds in the DC area.

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For a decade, Nationals Academy has served over 5,000 D.C. youth across a continuum of free programs designed to foster their positive character development, academic achievement, and improved health. Since beginning after school programs in the fall of 2013, five classes have matriculated from third through eighth grade in the BASE afterschool and summer program, going on to excel on and off the baseball field at some of the region's most competitive high schools. Volunteer opportunities include mentoring Scholar Athlete mentees and YBA PLAY coaching.



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SOUL Programs is committed to empowering youth through innovative education that blends social-emotional learning, creative expression, and community engagement. Our programs focus on cultivating leadership, resilience, and a strong sense of identity among young people, particularly those from underrepresented communities. We offer a range of dynamic workshops, mentorship opportunities, and cultural experiences that foster personal growth and social responsibility. We seek volunteers who are passionate about youth development, education, and social justice. Volunteers will have opportunities to mentor students, support program facilitation, and assist with community events, making a lasting impact on the lives of young leaders in the DC area.

# SOCIAL SERVICES



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Francis on the Hill is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting children and families in Washington, DC, with special focus on the Columbia Heights neighborhood. We work to alleviate food insecurity, providing ~500 bags of free, wholesome groceries at three weekly distributions. We distribute free diapers monthly. Sometimes we sent shipments to support children in Ukraine, as well as providing school uniforms and warm winter clothing for newly arrived migrant children in DC elementary schools.

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Faith United Church of Christ, a 501(c)(3) in northeast DC, has served the community for 45 years. Our initiatives include a Mobile Food Market in partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank, distributing food to 800 people monthly, and more than 5,000 baby diapers. We also sponsor a Health Fair with 30+ vendors, provide warm nights for 35 women during hypothermia season, and collect clothing for the unhoused. Our anti-gun violence efforts include a memorial and activities. We engage in voter education and collaborate on affordable housing projects. Our West African Ministry supports girls' education in Liberia through fundraising and reusable menstrual kits. We need volunteers to support the implementation of our initiatives, to launch a monthly communication to the community, to assist with technology, social media and website improvement, to support our voter education, voter registration and get out the vote initiative.



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My Sister's Place DC is dedicated to empowering survivors of domestic violence by providing comprehensive support, shelter, and advocacy services. Our mission is to create a safe space for women and children, helping them rebuild their lives free from abuse through counseling, legal assistance, and housing support. We also focus on community education to prevent domestic violence and promote social change. We are seeking compassionate and dedicated volunteers who are passionate about supporting survivors. Opportunities include assisting with shelter operations, providing childcare, supporting outreach efforts, and helping with special events, all aimed at fostering a secure and nurturing environment for those we serve.

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The mission of A Wider Circle is to advance equity in the greater Washington, DC region by fostering the exchange of goods, skills, and connections from neighbor to neighbor, and by engaging in advocacy to address the root causes of poverty. Seeking a Fall Research Intern to assist on a special project that will help us expand our reach to more of our community - allowing us to more widely share our free furniture, baby item, professional clothing, and career support programs. A Wider Circle also welcomes individual and group volunteers in our daily work!

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Jubilee Housing DC is dedicated to providing safe, affordable housing and supportive services to low-income families in Washington, DC. Our mission is to build strong, inclusive communities where residents can thrive, offering programs that promote economic empowerment, education, and wellness. We focus on transforming lives through stable housing, access to resources, and fostering a sense of community. We are looking for volunteers who are passionate about social justice and community development. Opportunities include tutoring youth, assisting with job readiness programs, supporting resident services, and helping with community events, all aimed at creating lasting change and empowering residents to achieve their goals.

THE  
PETEY  
GREENE  
PROGRAM Sondra Fiorella  
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Founded in 2008, the Petey Greene Program (PGP) supports the academic goals of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people through high-quality volunteer tutoring programs, while educating volunteers on the injustice manifest in our carceral system and encouraging them to engage in justice-oriented activism to reimagine the criminal legal system. We welcome university students to get involved as academic tutors in one of our DC Region facilities.

# HOMELESSNESS



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Friendship Place is the premier provider of housing services for people experiencing homelessness in the Washington DC region. Our innovative, customized, person-focused programs produce demonstrative and lasting results. We empower our participants to rebuild their lives, find homes, get jobs and reconnect with friends, family and the community, permanently.



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Community of Hope's mission is to improve health and end family homelessness to make Washington, DC more equitable. University students are welcome to volunteer with Fam-Club at The Triumph, our Ward 8 family shelter. Fam-Club is a fun and meaningful way for volunteers to make a difference in the lives of young people and their families experiencing homelessness. Volunteers will lead games, do activities and make crafts with our families Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday evenings. Volunteers can come once or make a regular commitment.



**Thrive DC**

*At the Heart of a New Start*

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Thrive DC is dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in Washington, DC, by providing vulnerable individuals with essential services, emergency assistance, and comprehensive support. We focus on fostering self-sufficiency through personalized case management, employment training, and access to critical resources like meals, showers, and laundry facilities. We are eager to engage volunteers who are compassionate, resourceful, and committed to making a tangible difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness. Volunteers will have opportunities to assist with meal preparation, serve food, support job readiness programs, and contribute to outreach efforts that help individuals transition from crisis to stability.

# EDUCATION



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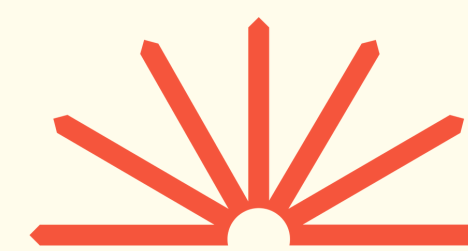
Washington English Center (WEC), is looking for volunteers to teach English to immigrants and refugees! Join our community of over 450 volunteers to teach either online or in person in downtown DC. No prior experience is required, as you will be paired with a co-teacher and receive training and support from our staff, however, you must speak fluent English. You can also sign up to substitute teach or to be an online conversation or writing tutor. We are happy to work with your schedule!

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LAYCCA

The LAYC Career Academy is a tuition-free adult charter school serving district students ages 16-30 years old. We prepare students with industry training while helping to award industry recognized certifications. The LAYC Career Academy is currently seeking volunteers (tutors, career coaches, mentors and more) who would like to use their skills and experience to assist students in achieving their academic and career goals.



**TEACHING  
FOR CHANGE**

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Teaching for Change is dedicated to empowering educators and parents to build schools that are spaces of social justice and equity. We focus on providing resources that enable students to think critically about history and society, fostering a learning environment where they are encouraged to challenge inequities and envision a better world. We are excited to collaborate with volunteers who are passionate about education, social justice, and community engagement. Opportunities for volunteers include supporting our programs, assisting with outreach efforts, and contributing to the development of educational materials that inspire transformative learning in classrooms nationwide.

# EDUCATION CONT.



**READING  
PARTNERS**

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Reading Partners DC is dedicated to improving literacy outcomes for elementary school students in under-resourced communities across Washington, DC. Our evidence-based program pairs volunteers with students for one-on-one tutoring sessions. By focusing on individualized support and utilizing a structured curriculum, we empower students to achieve grade-level reading proficiency, setting them up for long-term academic success. Reading Partners DC collaborates with schools, families, and community partners to close the literacy gap, ensuring every child has the opportunity to succeed.

# IMMIGRATION



**HOMES NOT BORDERS**

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Homes Not Borders is dedicated to helping refugee and immigrant families in the Washington, DC area successfully resettle by transforming their new houses into welcoming homes. We provide essential furniture, household items, and personalized support to create comfortable and dignified living spaces. Our holistic approach includes assisting with job placement, community integration, and offering a warm, supportive environment that fosters stability and self-sufficiency. By collaborating with volunteers, community partners, and local organizations, Homes Not Borders ensures that families not only survive but thrive as they rebuild their lives, offering them a strong foundation for a hopeful future.



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Each year, thousands of immigrants face detention and deportation alone – without the ability to afford a lawyer or the right to a public defender during their hearings. At Amica Center for Immigrant Rights, we confront the impact that the unjust immigration system has on our clients and communities through direct legal representation, impact litigation, legal education, and client-centered advocacy. Through collaboration with community partners and volunteers, we work to protect those seeking safety and keep communities together. Volunteers can support our work in a variety of ways: staffing our detention hotline, providing translation and interpreting, joining a detention center visit, and supporting our team through administrative tasks.

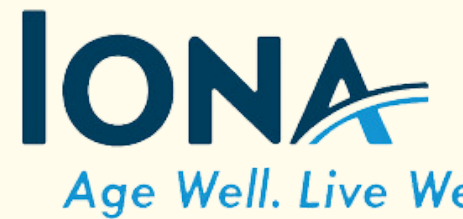
# HEALTH

**Christ  
House**

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Christ House opened in December 1985 as the first 24-hour residential medical facility for homeless persons in the United States. Today, Christ House is the largest facility of its kind in Washington, DC. The mission of Christ House is to provide comprehensive and compassionate care for people experiencing homelessness with acute medical needs in the District of Columbia and to offer assistance in addressing critical issues to help break the cycle of homelessness. We accomplish our mission by providing hospitality; supporting patients in their healing through a holistic approach; empowering individuals on their path toward stability; and creating community. We currently invite individuals to volunteer with us through leading patient activities; serving in our kitchen; and providing administrative support on our medical floor. Please reach out to our Volunteer Manager to discuss potential internship opportunities.

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Iona is a respected nonprofit based in Northwest Washington, D.C. Our mission is to support people as they face the challenges and opportunities of aging. We educate, advocate, and provide community-based programs and services to help people age well and live well. Iona is located one block from the Tenleytown Metro. We have a supportive team, and provide students with a quality internship experience.

# LEADERSHIP



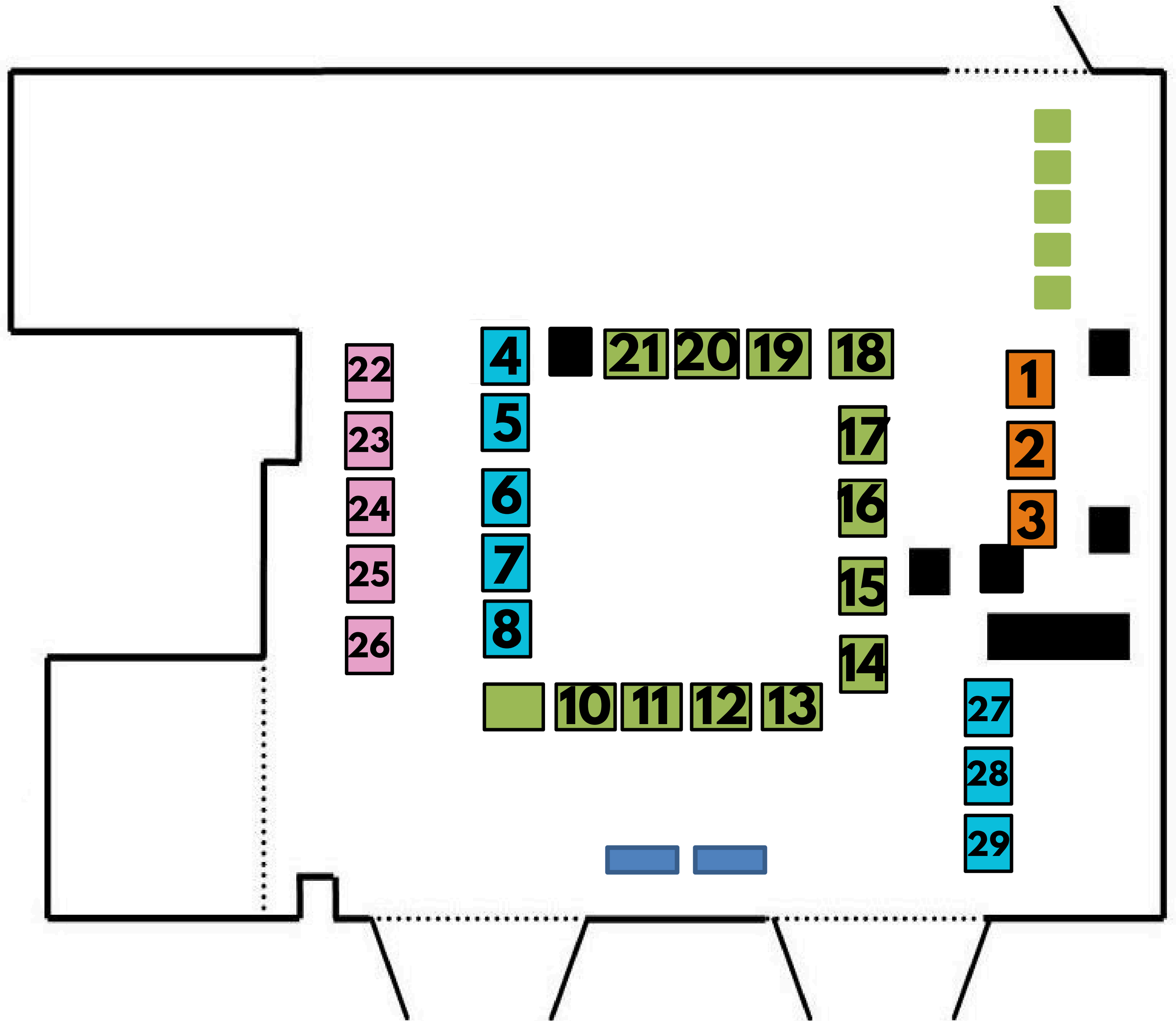
**VITAL VOICES**  
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP  
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Vital Voices Global Partnership is committed to investing in women leaders who drive global change. By providing leadership training, mentorship, and opportunities for women to expand their influence, we empower them to tackle some of the world's greatest challenges. Our approach focuses on fostering inclusive communities, advancing economic opportunities, and advocating for human rights. With a global network spanning over 180 countries, we have impacted the lives of millions of women and girls, amplifying their voices and enabling them to create positive change in their communities and beyond.

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*Stairwell to Bender*



*Mary Graydon Center Lobby*