# **Late March 2024 Newsletter**



## March 27th, 2024

We are gaining speed and starting to get into the real work of 2024. Maine Youth Power has been widening our reach and deepening our connection with young Mainers across the state! We launched our electoral program last week, gathered our Endorsement team, and published an Op-ed about online voter registration!

### Online Voter Registration goes live in Maine and op-ed

In major news for voting rights, Maine residents can now register to vote online in Maine! You can do so in just a few minutes on the <u>new website</u> launched by the state. We were so excited by this development that we submitted an op-ed which was published in **Bangor Daily News**.

Read the op-ed written by Electoral Organizing Director, Rose DuBois <u>here!</u>



#### Launching our Electoral Program Plan

2024 is going to be a big election year, and we have an ambitious plan to take on a lot of electoral work this year and turnout 10k young Maine voters! To get started, last Wednesday we held a launch call to talk through some of our ideas and plans for MYP volunteers and supporters. The call had great turnout, and we are excited to start holding more and more events as we get our program off the ground. Be on the lookout for more electoral events on the horizon!

#### **Endorsement team convenes for the first time for Maine Youth Power**

We will be endorsing candidates for the first time in the State Senate and State House candidates in Maine! We are thoughtfully building out a team of about 10 members and staff; a mix of high school, college-age, and mid-twenties youth to make our endorsement decisions statewide. This Endorsement Team will review candidate questionnaire responses and determine who Maine Youth Power will endorse this election cycle. Jane Dawson, our Policy and Endorsements Director is rocking the role of researching and building a process that is as representative of young Mainers as possible.

We will be endorsing 5-7 candidates all in the Second Congressional District. While most of the endorsements will be for the November election we are planning to endorse for the state primary June 11th!

<u>Check out more about our endorsement process on our website!</u>

https://www.maineyouthpower.org/endorsements

We are at the beginning of an endorsement process that will make our opinions and voices heard clearer than before. This Endorsement process is an opportunity to flex our youth power. It allows us to collect issues and position data on who is coming down the leadership pipeline in our state and who we are excited to work with in the future!





LGBTQ+ Rights and Gender Neutral Bathrooms in School

## Big update from Gender Neutral Bathroom Campaign coming!

Our High-school led gender neutral bathroom campaign is gaining even more ground! Keep your eyes peeled for some really exciting development soon!

### Our monthly donors fund our work

We are expanding our grassroots donor base this year! Join us in making a meaningful impact on Maine Youth Power's programs! By committing to a monthly donation of \$10-\$25, you'll directly support our youth movement in Maine, making our programs even stronger. Become a sustaining donor today and help us reach our goal of adding 30 more monthly donors.

Click <u>here</u> to become a sustaining donor!

If you have any questions about donating to Maine Youth Power or want to learn more about our programs, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Operations Director, Angela Mavrich, at <a href="maineyouthpower.org">angela@maineyouthpower.org</a>.

In Solidarity,

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