



Windcall Residents: Fall 2022

Windcall is dedicated to nurturing and developing transformative learning and resilient leadership among community and labor organizers engaged in social justice for low-income communities and communities of color. Residencies are our flagship program. Since our founding over 30 years ago, these residencies have offered life changing experiences to over 600 community and labor organizers from around the country and all sectors of the social justice movement. The Windcall Residency is a nine-month experience that provides a highly supportive environment in three phases:

1. A robust onboard period to prepare individuals for the residency experience and introduce them to practices that lead to long-term sustainability and resilience
2. A one- to three-week residential retreat that removes many outside pressures and internal constraints that inhibit organizers' renewal.
3. An intentional offboarding period to support integration and continued learning through two debriefs with staff, a virtual webinar with residents' peer group, and six sessions with a Windcall coach.

Keep reading to learn more about each of the movement leaders who attended their Windcall Residency in the Fall of 2022.



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Meet the resident:

Sheerine Alemzadeh

Bio

Sheerine is the proud daughter of Iranian immigrants. She has worked to transform responses to gender-based violence in low-income communities of color as an activist, litigator, educator and organizer. Her career has focused on building bridges between social movements, applying intersectional approaches to human rights activism, and promoting shared leadership as a path to sustained social progress. She is the co-founder and co-director of Healing to Action, a Chicago-based grassroots organization whose mission is to end gender-based violence through building the leadership and collective power of the communities most impacted - low-income people of color, people with disabilities, immigrants, and LGBTQ+ survivors.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Healing to Action

Title: Codirector

City: Chicago



Meet the resident:

Dunya Alwan



Bio

Dunya is a community based architectural designer, cultural worker, and educator. She is a co-founder of the International Women's Peace Service and Birthright Unplugged/Re-Plugged both in Palestine. She is a co-founder of Street Cred, a guerilla public art and culture jamming collective whose work has been installed, distributed, and exhibited internationally. Dunya's recent architectural work includes designing Critical Resistances' newest home, teaching architecture and silkscreen at San Quentin Prison and being a member of the prisons mural crew, co-founding the E. 12th Street Coalition agitating for and designing affordable housing on Oakland CA public land, and being on the architectural team for Homefulness, a project that supports under-housed and formerly homeless people to design and build their own housing.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Eastlake United for Justice

Title: CoFounder & Facilitation Team

Member

City: Oakland





Meet the resident:

Karla Altmayer

Bio

Karla is a mixed-race, queer, life-long Chicago-based community organizer working to address the root causes of gender-based violence. Her experiences with survivors at home and in her work helped her imagine a world where survivors are seen as powerful individuals, and have the resources and support to lead solutions towards ending gender-based violence. In 2016, Karla stopped practicing law and co-founded Healing to Action with Sheerine Alemzadeh to focus on building survivor power. As co-director of HTA, Karla leads organizing efforts, practicing healing and transformative justice to build the political power of survivors to achieve gender liberation.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Healing to Action

Title: Codirector

City: Chicago



Meet the resident:

Angeline Echeverría



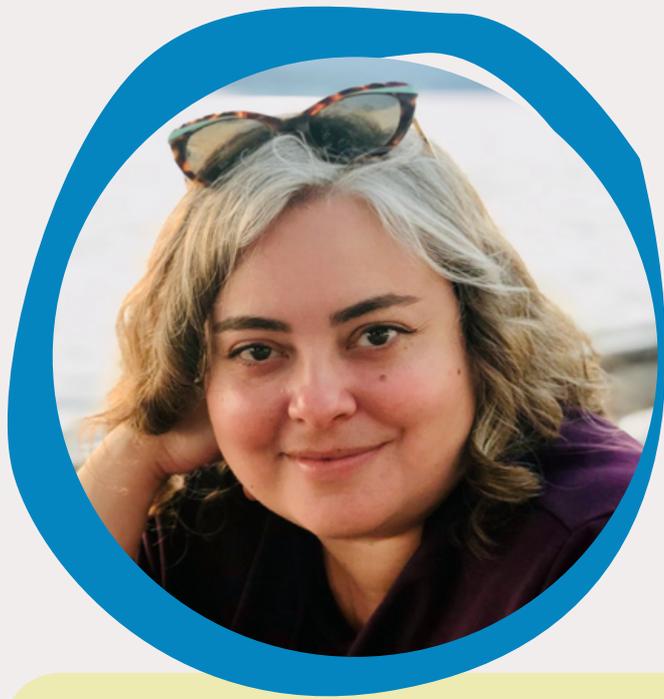
Bio

Prior to joining NC Counts, Angeline served as the executive director for El Pueblo and supported different projects for women's and immigrant worker organizations in the southeast and beyond. Angeline's roots are in Cuba, upstate New York, and South Carolina and they have lived in Raleigh since 2012. Outside of work, Angeline enjoys Zumba, soccer, and spending time outdoors.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her They/Them
Organization: NC Counts Coalition
Title: Director of Partnership
City: Raleigh





Meet the resident: Amy Herzfeld Copple

Bio

Raised in Idaho, Amy has deep roots in social justice activism. She started volunteering for LGBTQ rights campaigns at the age of 14 and never looked back. She has been active in progressive movement building in the West for over 20 years and her past roles have included Executive Director of the Idaho Human Rights Education Center, Oregon State Director for Working America, and Co-Executive Director for Basic Rights Oregon. Amy first connected to Western States Center as a young human rights organizer in Boise, and remained an active volunteer leader for over 18 years.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Western States Center

Title: Deputy Director

City: Milwaukie



Meet the resident:

Daulton Jones



Bio

Daulton was born and raised in Yokuts Territory (Bakersfield). The Central Valley is their home and they do this work to ensure that this beautiful place that held and raised them up is given the support it needs to flourish! During his time in movement work, Daulton has focused on restorative justice with Black and brown youth and families, housing eviction protections, economic justice and the fight for defunding and reinvesting in community revitalization with the People's Budget Bakersfield. As an Afro-Indigenous person, the only reason Daulton is here today is because of their ancestors' understanding that the fight for freedom lives in not just the body, but in the spirit as well.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: They/He

Organization: Youth Organize California

Title: Youth Organize California
/People's Budget Bakersfield

City: Bakersfield





Meet the resident:

Sara Leaverton

Bio

Sara hails from a working class family in rural Oregon. Finding a passion for economic and racial justice in her youth, Sara has worked with community-based organizations for years. After originally interning at Coleman during college and assisting with the Solutions Not Suspensions campaign and the re-approval of the Children's Amendment, Sara joined the Coleman family permanently in 2015 as the Director of Administration. Utilizing her different skill sets, she has been able to support Coleman's work in events and fundraising, now as the Development & Operations Director. When not hustling to raise money, Sara can be found wandering in the trees or cooking up random acts of deliciousness.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth

Title: Development & Operations Director

City: Mill Valley



Meet the resident: Sarah Lee



Bio

Sarah Lee (she/her) is a Senior Community Organizer with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. Sarah is the daughter of Chinese migrants from Hong Kong, Venezuela, and Canada. For the past 10 years she has organized alongside student, faith, AAPI communities, and multi-racial coalitions on immigrant justice. Most recently, she spearheaded local coalition work to end sheriff collusion with ICE, led over a dozen deportation defense campaigns, and anchored the ICE out of CA coalition's campaign to pass the VISION Act (AB 937), a bill that would disrupt the prison-to-deportation pipeline in California. Sarah previously worked as a community advocate with Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus, and Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Advancing Justice - Asian
Law Caucus

Title: Temporary Program Manager

City: Oakland





Meet the resident:

Darlene Luca

Bio

Darlene assists individuals in their reentry journey and finding meaningful careers. Darlene has worked in reentry for the past 15 years, she previously worked as the Life Coach with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) and was on the leadership team when it was first created. As a youth, Darlene fought a life sentence and ended up serving 3 years. As an advocate, Darlene spoke to and shared her story with CA Legislators in order to secure the passage of SB260, SB261, Prop 57, and SB 395.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Defy Ventures

Title: SoCal Program Manager of
Career & Reentry

City: Los Angeles



Meet the resident: Bianca Mikahn



Bio

Bianca is an emcee, poet, digital composer, cultural activist and educator. She is Executive Director of youth mental health-based organization Check Your Head and a Partner Artist with Creative Strategies for Change and Youth on record. A TEDx alum, Bianca has shared stages at Regis University, Denver University, Wyoming University, La Napoule's renowned Chateau in Nice France and Stockholm Sweden's historical Fylkengin Theatre. Currently Bianca is honing social emotional learning and art-based facilitation to encourage trauma informed care and Mental Health First Aid for adults and youth in marginalized communities.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/They

Organization: Creative Strategies for Change/ Check Your Head

Title: Co-Director of Arts & Education/
Executive Director

City: Denver





Meet the resident: Darryl Molina Sarmiento

Bio

Darryl embodies Communities for a Better Environment's (CBE) transformative organizing model, having first encountered CBE at the age of 18, when she took a CBE Toxic Tour. She has been on staff since 2005 and has served in the roles of Youth Program Coordinator and Southern California program director before becoming Executive Director. Darryl serves on the steering committee of the California Environmental Justice Alliance and the board of the Climate Justice Alliance. She is a mother of 2 daughters.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Communities for a Better Environment

Title: Executive Director

City: Rancho Cucamonga



Meet the resident: Olivia Montgomery



Bio

Olivia is a trauma-informed writer, advocate, and equity practitioner with a passion for Black liberation, especially concerning the health and safety of Black femmes. She has been recognized in her community as an emerging leader and Black connector. Olivia enjoys researching, writing, spending time in community – especially outdoors, and finding stillness with her hundred-pound pups, Kane and Hazel.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her They/Them

Organization: The Chisholm Legacy Project

Title: Organizing Manager

City: Westerville





Meet the resident:

Laura Peniche

Bio

Laura is a DACA recipient from Mexico. Her documentary film debut, "No One Shall Be Called Illegal", premiered at the 2011 Denver International Film Festival. In 2018, she co-produced the documentary film: "Five Dreamers" (RMPBS and National PBS). Laura has also worked with Motus Theater, as Project & Engagement Manager for the launch of the UndocuAmerica Project, in which she still participates as a monologue writer/performer. She has been an active advocate and community organizer for immigrant rights, and is currently a member of Together Colorado's immigration committee, a statewide interfaith grassroots network. Laura is currently on the steering committee of the national coalition: Communities 4 Sheriff Accountability, and works full time documenting ICE activity for the Colorado Rapid Response Network Hotline.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

Title: Hotline Manager

City: Aurora, CO



Meet the resident:

Moonlite Phillips



Bio

Moonlite is a self identified Black Witch next door. Their work lives at the intersections of healing justice , community organizing, arts, culture building & serving as a reminder to beautify and adorn ourselves. Moonlite has spent years developing programming in service to the liberation of Black and Brown people, particularly queer & Trans folk. This includes serving as HART coordinator at BreakOUT!, a healing and safety lead for Black Youth Project 100 and a small herbal business that helps folks with chronic pain & recently in the film and creative community. In their off time, you can find Moonlite spending time in meditation, at a body of water, doing crystal work, collecting dead stuff, eating a pickle, or cuddling with Garcia (beloved feline companion). Moonlite believes in the power of magic as a tool to reach a world that serves us all.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: They/Them She/Her

Organization: BreakOUT!

Title: Healing Justice Organizer

City: New Orleans





Meet the resident:

Bruce Reilly

Bio

Throughout his journey from jailhouse lawyer to Tulane Law graduate, and beyond, he served a central role in many policy and electoral victories, including winning his right to vote in two states, a ballot amendment to end non-unanimous juries, reformed Louisiana housing policies, and deposing a corrupt sheriff who had been in power for three decades. He is the proud dad of one teenager, two cats, and many many plants.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: He/Him

Organization: Voice of the Experienced

Title: Deputy Director

City: New Orleans



Meet the resident:

Melissa Rosario



Bio

Meli is a writer / healer / educator. Meli is a mixed race queer nonbinary femme who rematriated to Boriken three generations after her family left the island. Drawing on their training as an anthropologist and her own journey of self-healing, they are co-creating a culture of reclamation that transforms inheritances and patterns which inhibit our collective liberation. Meli offers guidance to others on their own healing path, designs and facilitates collective learning spaces and is a trauma informed, autodidactic somatic practitioner. She is a student of difficult emotions, la tribu yuke, plantcestors and her own womb.

Quick Facts

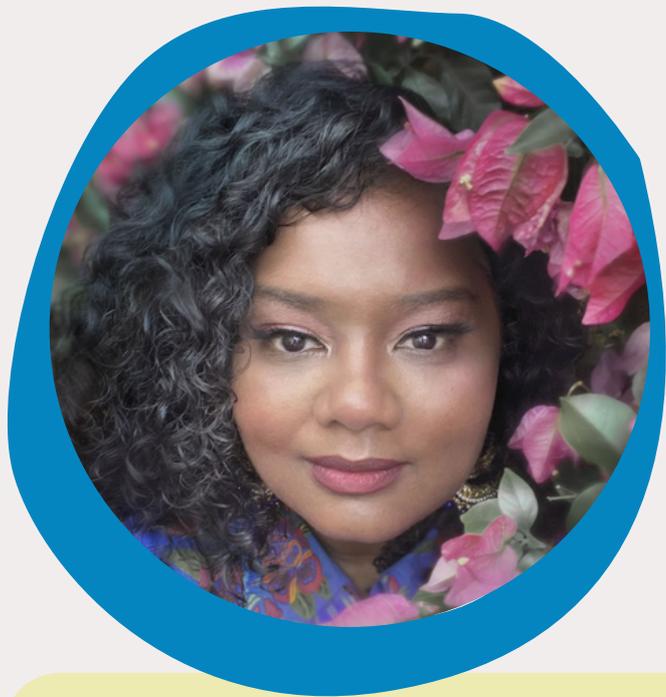
Pronouns: She/They

Organization: Center for Embodied Pedagogy and Action/Healing Justice Movement

Title: Founder and Co-Coordinator

City: San Juan, PR





Meet the resident:

Thenmozhi Soundararajan

Bio

Thenmozhi is a Dalit American Artist, Author and Activist. She is the Executive Director of Equality Labs and the author of *The Trauma of Caste*. Through her work, she uses community research, cultural and political organizing, popular education, and digital security to build power to end caste apartheid, white supremacy, gender-based violence, and religious intolerance.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her They/Them

Organization: Equality Labs

Title: Executive Director

City: Oakland



Meet the resident:

Laura Valdéz



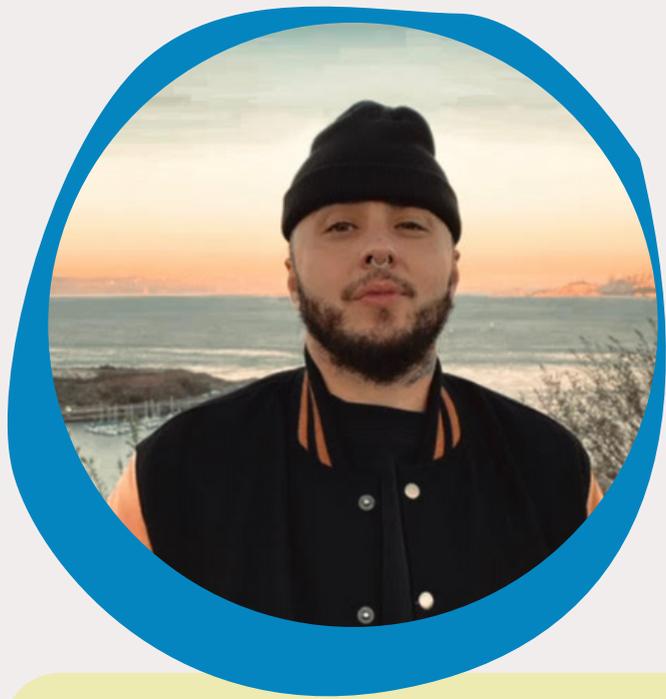
Bio

Laura was born and grew up in El Paso, Texas on the U.S./Mexico border. Her social justice framework is rooted in the struggles she witnessed growing up as a daughter of Mexican immigrants and queer Xicana. Laura brings over 20 years of leadership experience in nonprofit administration, public health, public policy and grassroots organizing. As a human rights activist, she has led several social justice organizations including organizations working for immigrant and LGBTQ rights. Laura believes that long-term social change in this country requires sustained commitment and leadership from those most closely impacted by pervasive inequity and injustice.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/They/Ella
Organization: Dolores Street
Community Services
Title: Executive Director
City: Berkeley





Meet the resident:

Tré Vasquez

Bio

Tré is an organizer, artist, visionary, poet and comedian of mixed Indigenous and European descent. Raised by working class parents in rural southern Arizona, his culture along with growing up systems impacted as a trans youth grounds his life commitment to collective liberation/healing for frontlines communities and the planet. He comes from a background of 15 years in community organizing around climate, transformative justice, youth organizing, and healing justice. He is currently a collective member/co-director at Movement Generation Justice and Ecology Project. Tré loves his family, working with horses, making people laugh, cooking as a love language, and growing food.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: He/Him/El

Organization: Movement Generation
Justice & Ecology Project

Title: Collective Member/Co-Director

City: Santa Rosa



Meet the resident: Fawn Walker Montgomery



Bio

Fawn is a Mother, wife, longtime community activist/organizer (20+ years) and consultant. Born and raised in McKeesport, PA, Fawn is a former two term McKeesport councilwoman and past candidate for State Representative in the 35th District. She was the first Black person & woman to run for a State seat in the Mon Valley and win a Council seat in McKeesport without the endorsement of a major political party. From here, Fawn went on to start her passion project “Take Action Mon Valley (TAMV)/Take Action Advocacy Group.” TAMV advocates for social justice & racial equality in small communities and promotes Black liberation. Fawn has a strong belief in community organizing and sees the power in Black liberation.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Take Action Mon Valley/Take Action Advocacy Group

Title: CEO & Co-Founder

City: McKeesport





Meet the resident:

Crystal Walthall

Bio

Crystal has been committed to the work of education, youth empowerment, and faith-rooted social justice for over 18 years.

She began in college, serving on her campus chapter of the NAACP, and later with the National Latino Evangelical Coalition (NaLEC). Crystal's passion for justice centers the work of liberation and healing for Black and Latinx communities. She uses her love for music and poetry to intersect social justice movement building with the creative arts. Hailing from Brooklyn, NY, Crystal is a former NYC high school history teacher, and has been the Executive Director of Faith in New York since 2019.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: Faith in New York

Title: Executive Director

City: Yonkers



Meet the resident:

Maurice Weeks



Bio

Maurice is a corporate campaigner, organizer and economic and racial justice leader. Maurice works with community organizations and labor unions on campaigns to create equitable communities by dismantling systems of wealth extraction that target Black and Brown communities. Maurice has many years of community organizing experience on issues such as housing, revenue and budgets, policing and incarceration, corporate accountability and education justice.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: He/Him

Organization: Action Center on Race and the Economy (ACRE)

Title: Former Co-Executive Director

City: Detroit





Meet the resident:

Elizabeth Yeampierre

Bio

Born in NYC into a working class family, Elizabeth is Puerto Rican environmental/climate justice leader of African and Indigenous ancestry. She was the 1st Latina Chair of the USEPA National Environmental Justice Advisory Council and opening speaker for the first White House Council on Environmental Quality Forum on Environmental Justice under Obama.

Elizabeth has been featured in the NY Times as a Climate Justice visionary. She was named by Apolitical as Climate 100: The World's Most Influential People in Climate Policy, featured in Vogue as one of 13 Climate Warriors in the world, Oprah's list of Future Rising and a recipient of the Frederick Douglass Abolitionist Award FD200. Recently, she has spoken at Oxford University, the Ethos Conference in Brazil and the Hague. She is dedicated to building BIPOC intergenerational power.

Quick Facts

Pronouns: She/Her

Organization: UPROSE

Title: Executive Director

City: Brooklyn, NY

