



POLITICAL POWER IN EVERY YOUNG WOMAN

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IGNITE to host first NYC Young Women's Political Leadership Conference

January 27, 2018, from 9 AM - 4:30 PM

Two U.S. Congresswomen, over 20 local elected women, activists, policy experts and campaign consultants from across party lines join [IGNITE](#) to train the next generation of women to run for office.

We've all seen the news, thousands of women are signing up to run for office in 2018. But there's a story that's not been told: the surge in *young women* who are also fed up with the status quo and are gearing up to run as soon as they can. Electing women to political office is a long game and IGNITE is the leading organization in the country providing training, resources, and networks to feed the pipeline so there are hordes of women running in the decades to come.

The January 27, 2018 conference scheduled for 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at NYU Rosenthal Pavilion is sold out. With 300 young women attending, a waiting list of more than 100, and many more signing up to watch the event on livestream, it is clear that young women in New York City are ready and eager to own their political power.

The day-long event will feature prominent elected leaders including Yvette D. Clarke, U.S. House of Representatives, 9th District; Grace Meng, U.S. House of Representatives, 6th District; and Kathy Hochul, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York. The *Speak Out: Give Voice to your Political Power* morning plenary, moderated by Jessica Pels, Digital Director, Cosmopolitan.com includes nationally recognized leaders like Tarana Burke, Director of Programs at Girls for Gender Equity; Creator of the #MeToo Movement; Letitia James, Public Advocate, New York City; Monica Ramirez, Co-founder and President, Alianza Nacional de Campesinas.

In addition, there will be a powerhouse line-up of expert panels, workshops, and media training designed to prepare young women to run for office. For the full program and speaker line up click [here](#).

"Since the 2016 Election, IGNITE has experienced five times the volume of young women who are asking for our political leadership training. Our first New York City conference sold out a month ago and young women from colleges across all five boroughs and the tristate area and represent the diversity of New York are set to join us," states Anne Moses, IGNITE's Founder & President.

"I am excited to meet and be surrounded by fierce young women who are full of fresh and innovative ideas to strengthen New York communities," shares Genesis Aquino student at Hunter College and candidate for AD 51 State Committee Member.

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About *IGNITE*

IGNITE is a national movement of young women who are ready and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. As a nonpartisan 501c3, IGNITE trains 5,000+ high school and college-aged young women across the country each year. IGNITE provides civic education, exposure to women in political leadership, hands-on training, work opportunities, and a peer network of women who support and nurture each other's aspirations for civic and political leadership. www.ignitenational.org

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