



QUEER DETAINEE EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

CALL TO ACTION: FRIDAY 1/22 VIRTUAL RALLY/PHONEZAP TO ACTIVATE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION

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New York, NY | In the past we have marched and gathered to protect LGBTQ+ immigrants and asylum seekers in the USA, and on **Friday, January 22 at 5PM ET**, we will gather **virtually** as a measure to protect our community from the threat of COVID-19 and right-wing violence.

Within the first 100 days in office, we urge President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to follow-through with the [Biden Plan to Advance LGBTQ+ Equality in American and Around The World](#), while keeping the following demands in mind:

- End detention for ALL, including Black, queer, and trans immigrants
- Defund the police and begin the transition away from the prison industrial complex
- Decriminalize border crossing and abolish ICE
- Empower LGBTQ+ immigrants through universal health care and education reform
- Include LGBTQ+ asylum migrants in US Citizenship Act of 2021, so this vulnerable population can be granted a pathway to citizenship among the 11+ million undocumented people in the United States
- **#FreeThemAll** from ICE facilities as a response to COVID-19 and its threat to people who are currently incarcerated

We will be holding a **remote phone zap and virtual rally** on Friday to activate the incoming Biden-Harris administration and remind them that while Trump's time in the White House may be over, there is much to be done to truly support LGBTQ+ immigrants, including refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented folks. **Join us online to uplift LGBTQ+ migrant voices and protect queer lives**, particularly the lives of Black and brown, trans, non-binary, and disabled folks within our community.

We will also remember the lives of those we lost under the Trump administration, and recall the legacy of leaders of generations past who fought for liberation for queer and trans people, and taught us to stay strong in the face of hate and ignorance.

We call upon the Biden-Harris administration to join us in challenging this country's individualist, capitalistic, colonialist, and racist history, and begin a long but fulfilling transformative process toward a just future.

Speakers: Aneiry Zapata, Iman Le Caire, Tiffany Jade Munroe, Kadeem Robinson

Facebook Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/711198149581968>

Organizations:

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[Black LGBTQIA+ Migrant Project](#)

[Caribbean Equality Project](#)

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The **Queer Detainee Empowerment Project (QDEP)** assists folks coming out of immigration detention in securing structural, health/wellness, educational, legal, and emotional support and services. We work to organize around the structural barriers and state violence that LGBTQIA TS & GNC detainee/undocumented folks face related to their immigration status, race, sexuality, and gender expression/identity.

We are committed to assisting folks in building lives outside of detention, to breaking down the barriers that prevent folks from building fulfilling and productive lives, and to keeping queer families intact by demanding an end to deportations, detention, and policing. We believe in creating a narrative of thriving, not just surviving.

QDEP is a proud member of the [Detention Watch Network](#), Freedom For Immigrants, New York Immigration Coalition, [AbolishICE NYNJ Coalition](#), as well as the [International Detention Coalition](#). QDEP is a fiscally sponsored project of the [Center for Transformative Action](#) (CTA). CTA, an educational 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is legally and financially responsible for all our project activities.

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