



TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY



In commemoration of Trans Day of Visibility 2024, thank you for joining Caribbean Equality Project's Trans Justice Unit for *Love On Us: A Trans Health, Wellness & Healing Resource Fair* to uplift and center the strength of our diverse trans and non-binary Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities, including Afro and Indo-Caribbean immigrants.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024



**161-04 JAMAICA AVE,
QUEENS, NY 11432**

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PROGRAM

SOUND BATH

ARIN MAYA (she/her)

OPENING REMARKS

TIFFANY JADE MUNROE (she/her)
Trans Justice Coordinator,
Caribbean Equality Project

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ACE SUTHERLAND (they/them)
Organizing Manager for Region 1
(NYC & Nassau County),
Planned Parenthood of Greater NY

PERFORMANCE

ALICIA LOVE (she/her)

WORKSHOP
BLACK TRANS LOVE
IS WEALTH: HEALING,
MEDIA MAKING, AND
STORYTELLING

SASHA ALEXANDER (she/he/they)
Founder and Co-Director,
Black Trans Media

PERFORMANCE

ROSHEKA LEGEND (she/they)

KNOWLEDGE SHARING
INTERGENERATIONAL
PANEL

CEYENNE DOROSHOW (she/her)
ELISA CRESPO (she/her)
TABYTHA GONZALEZ (she/her)
MATEO GUERRERO (he/they)
TAHTIANNA FERMIN (she/her)

MODERATOR

ACE SUTHERLAND (they/them)

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PERFORMANCE	MAYRA COLON (she/her)
GUEST SPEAKER REMARKS	CHANEL J. LOPEZ (she/her) NYS Deputy Director of LGBTQ Affairs, <i>Office of Governor Kathy Hochul</i>
PERFORMANCE	MELANY SANCHEZ (she/her)
PERFORMANCE	ALICIA LOVE (she/her)
PERFORMANCE	KING IVY (she/her)
PERFORMANCE	ROSHEKA LEGEND (she/her)
REMARKS	BEAU MORTON (they/them) Social Justice Program Officer, <i>Con Edison Company of NY, Inc.</i>
REMARKS	MOHAMED Q. AMIN (he/they) Founder and Executive Director, <i>Caribbean Equality Project</i>
VOGUE PERFORMANCE	HAUS OF GABBANA
CLOSING REMARKS	TIFFANY JADE MUNROE & ACE SUTHERLAND

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The Caribbean Equality Project (CEP) is a New York City-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization that empowers, advocates for, and represents Black and Brown, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, and queer Caribbean immigrants in New York City. Through public education, community organizing, civic engagement, storytelling, and cultural and social programming, the organization focuses on advocacy for LGBTQ+ and immigrant rights, gender equity, racial justice, immigration, and mental health services, and ending hate violence in the Caribbean diaspora.

In 2015, the Caribbean Equality Project was launched by Mohamed Q. Amin in response to anti-LGBTQ hate violence- the same day the U.S. Supreme Court passed the Marriage Equality Act. Since then, the organization has been hosting bi-monthly healing community spaces through its Unchained support groups in Queens and Brooklyn, facilitates immigration legal services for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers, curates oral history and storytelling interdisciplinary art exhibitions, organizes culture-shifting programming, and building political power through civic engagement, Census outreach, redistricting, voter registration, and legislative advocacy to advance LGBTQ+ and voting rights in New York State.

The organization fosters civic participation and promotes voter education to cultivate collective people power for Afro and Indo-Caribbean LGBTQ+ immigrants and Caribbean Americans at the neighborhood, city, state, and national levels.



Annually, the organization's "Mash-Up De Vote" non-partisan campaign registers hundreds of eligible voters, coordinates political candidate forums, organizes voter education community events, and works with allied community partners to amplify Black and Brown Queer and Trans Caribbean voices in New York City and beyond.

The Caribbean Equality Project's transnational work centers on cross-border relationship development with Caribbean regional partners whose organizing focuses on decriminalizing same-sex intimacy and post-colonial laws. In the face of anti-immigrant sentiment, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, gender, and racial discrimination, lack of access to health services, and hate violence at the hands of their families, friends, employers, medical professionals, and law enforcement officers (even in New York City), Caribbean Equality Project is creating sustainable and progressive Caribbean diaspora communities, free of violence and all forms of discrimination.

Caribbean Equality Project relies on our generous supporters and community members to help sustain our programming. Please consider giving a meaningful gift to amplify our work. **Your kindness and love help us to continue advocating for LGBTQ+ rights, promote education, and empower and uplift Caribbean LGBTQ voices in NYC.**



Donate here to help continue this fight.





TRANS JUSTICE UNIT (TJU)

After six years of advocacy, visibility campaigns, and support for New York's Caribbean LGBTQ+ population, the Caribbean Equality Project (CEP) launched its Trans Justice Unit in 2021. The mission of the Trans Justice Unit (TJU) is to unite and empower diverse groups of trans-identified and non-binary people of Caribbean descent in solidarity. This is done as an act of preservation – of our respective cultures' legacies of resistance against oppression in all its forms. The TJU mobilizes and supports Caribbean trans people through advocacy, trans-affirming healthcare, HIV care, housing and economic justice, workforce development, and immigration resources for asylum seekers.

The organization's Trans Justice Unit is led by and for trans, queer, and gender non-conforming (GNC) Caribbean immigrants in NYC. Tiffany Jade Munroe is the Trans Justice Coordinator.



Caribbean Equality Project centers the power and visibility of its TJU leaders and members – through campaigns, art exhibitions, and social activations – thereby uplifting Afro and Indo-Caribbean trans voices in the Caribbean diaspora. The Trans Justice Unit amplifies the intersectionality and Caribbeaness of our TGNC leaders – while celebrating the mundane joys, accomplishments, challenges, and camaraderie – which TGNC Caribbean people in NYC build to foster liberation.

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TIFFANY JADE MUNROE

Trans Justice Coordinator, *Caribbean Equality Project*

Tiffany Jade Munroe (she/her/hers) is a Black Trans woman from Guyana. After experiencing homelessness and years of emotional and physical violence, she emigrated to New York City when her parents abandoned her. Tiffany struggled to navigate and access healthcare

and immigration services until she was connected with the Caribbean Equality Project (CEP).

When the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement collided, Tiffany amplified her advocacy for Black Trans rights, immigration reform, civic engagement, and protections for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers. Tiffany's advocacy for Trans women, sex workers, and gender-expansive people has been fearless. She testified at the New York State Assembly hearing in 2021 to repeal the "Walking While Trans Ban."



ACE SUTHERLAND

Organizing Manager for Region 1,
Planned Parenthood of Greater NY

Ace Sutherland (they/them) is an activist in New York City. Their work is deeply rooted in liberating the BIPOC and gender-diverse communities through community organizing, education, and empowerment.

Ace is also a content creator who has worked with the New York City Council, New York State Department of Health, Northwell Health, GMHC, Adidas, Color of Change, and more to center the experiences of the queer and trans communities.

Ace holds a bachelor's degree in political science from SUNY Buffalo State and a Master's of Public Administration.

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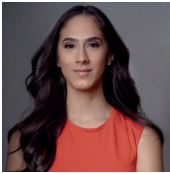


FEATURED SPEAKERS



CEYENNE DOROSHOW (she/her)

Founder and Executive Director, G.L.I.T.S., Inc.
Board Member, Caribbean Equality Project



ELISA CRESPO (she/her)

Executive Director, New Pride Agenda



TABYTHA GONZALEZ (she/her)

Associate Human Rights Specialist &
Transgender Communities Liaison,
New York City Commission on Human Rights



MATEO GUERRERO (he/they)

Trans Justice and Leadership Program Manager
Make the Road NY



TAHTIANNA FERMIN (she/her)

Founder and CEO of Bridges4Life



CHANEL J. LOPEZ (she/her)

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FEATURED PERFORMERS



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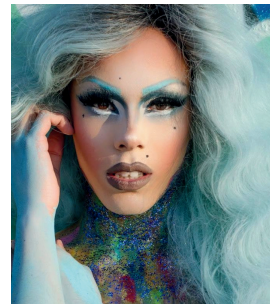
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COMMUNITY HEALERS



SASHA ALEXANDER

Founder, Co-Director, Black Trans Media

Sasha Alexander (she/he/they) is a non-binary, Trans Masculine, Queer, Black, and South Asian adoptee, artist, organizer, facilitator, and healer. Sasha calls unceded Lenapehoking land, also known as Brooklyn, home.

Sasha is the Founder and Co-Director of Black Trans Media, based in Brooklyn. After teaching filmmaking for many years with the Maysles Documentary Center, the Tribeca Film Institute, and Global Action Project in 2013 Sasha founded Black Trans Media committed to addressing the intersections of racism and transphobia by shifting and reframing the value and worth of Black Trans people.



ARIN MAYA

Sound Healer & Activist

Arin Maya (she/her) is an inspirational singer, songwriter, sound healer, and activist who has sung and studied with Ysaye Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock and Bobby McFerrin. A dedicated practitioner and student of sound healing for over 10 years, Arin is a graduate of Howard University and

Stanford University (via Domestic Exchange). She is certified through the New York Open Center's 190-hour Integrative Sound and Music Practitioner Training Program and is a founding member and Associate Musical Director with the Resistance Revival Chorus.

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IN MEMORY OF



As we continue working toward justice and equality for trans and gender-expansive people, we celebrate the lives of those we have lost in 2024:

Alex Taylor Franco, 21
Diamond Brigman, 26
Righteous TK "Chevy" Hill, 35
Nex Benedict, 16
Kitty Monroe, 43

**This is a partial list. It only represents those who have been identified and accurately reported in the media.*



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