

Tenants and Workers United



TWU conducts public policy and issue campaigns, low-wage worker and community organizing, education and leaderships development, and non-partisan organizing. Tenants and Workers United builds the power of the low-income communities of color to create changes that positively impact the quality of their (our!) lives in Northern Virginia. We organize and support people to be agents of change in their own lives by addressing the issues most



We Joined together in 1986 to defend our community. African-Americans and Latinos united to stop getting pushed out of our neighborhoods. We saved our homes, and in 1996 and formed a housing cooperative!

Since then, we've won living wage laws in Alexandria and Arlington, access to health care for uninsured people, good unions jobs, and a better education for our kids. Together, we've accomplished a lot in 30 years! Here's what we're fighting for today:

Alexandria United Teens: We're making our city and schools a better place for youth of color. During the school year, we have an after-school program. Every summer we have a Summer Youth Institute program that includes arts, educational workshops and fun activities. Year round, we provide leadership development and organizing skills. We have been organizing for Restorative justice in our high school for almost a decade now.

Parents United: We're parents with children in the Alexandria Schools. We're organizing to make sure our schools are doing their best to serve all children of color. We have been advocating for different programs for the past 25 years, such as advocating for bilingual counselors, IAP and won parents' liaisons to involve parents in schools. Lately, we have been supporting our youth in advocating for funding and implementation for Restorative Justice.

Taxi Drivers: TWU first organized drivers to win freedom of movement for drivers who were tied to companies almost like property. After winning changes to the taxi ordinance in 2004. In 2005-2006 we helped 1/3 of Alexandria's drivers create the driver-owned cooperative "Union TaxiCab Cooperative". Currently we are working with Alexandria and Arlington drives to secure fair treatment at National Airport and to enact regulations to better protect the 'flying' public from unregulated app-based drivers.

Join Us!

Tenants and Workers United * All are welcome. * Membership dues are \$25 per year.

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