



Asian American Racial Justice Project

A Project of the UCLA Labor Center

The Los Angeles area is home to some of the largest and fastest-growing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities in the United States. The Asian American Racial Justice (AARJ) project at the UCLA Labor Center focuses on building a more inclusive labor movement by amplifying the voices of API workers and interconnecting economic and racial justice issues.

AARJ works in collaboration with unions, student groups, and community organizations to cultivate AANHPI union leadership, connect AANHPI community members and young workers to the labor movement, and develop training and educational programs that intersect race and worker power.

OUR MISSION

Educate and empower AANHPI workers, students, and community members

Through trainings and leadership development, AARJ equips individuals with the tools they need to become leaders in the fight for economic and racial justice.



Grow AANHPI power and presence in the labor movement

By cultivating AANHPI leadership, AARJ aims to increase representation and influence in worker movements.



Foster meaningful multi-ethnic and multi-racial partnerships

AARJ prioritizes collaboration with diverse groups to address systemic racism and the shared challenges many workers face.



OUR WORK

AANHPI Labor History Curriculum:

We facilitate an interactive timeline activity that invites participants to connect their families' work and immigration stories to the broader legacy of AANHPI organizing.

AANHPI immigrant community coalition-building and strategizing:

We facilitate spaces that bring together AANHPI activists from community organizations and unions who are interested in collaborating on events and initiatives to protect immigrant workers in our communities.

Collaborations with UC, CSU and community college AANHPI student groups and classes

AARJ organizes events highlighting AANHPI immigrant student organizers, young labor leaders, aspiring healthcare workers, and UCLA graduate student workers to amplify the diverse lived experiences of AANHPI workers.

Organizer Trainings and Organizing Institutes:

AARJ collaborates with unions and labor advocates to train AANHPI union members and community leaders on fundamental organizing skills as well as AANHPI labor history.

Rapid Response "Know Your Rights" Train-the-Trainer model:

We educate AANHPI workers, students, and community members on their rights to create a network of empowered trainers who can return to their own organizations and host trainings tailored to their communities, including in-language facilitation.

AANHPI immigrant youth organizing and community-building:

We partner with student-led organizations in support of campaigns to establish policies that strengthen the rights of immigrant students and their communities. We also host events for AANHPI immigrant youth to share their stories, skills, and empower one another through community and connection.






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