



Just Voices Iowa

<https://justvoicesia.org>

Mission

Just Voices is working to build a platform that educates, advocates, and collaborates to end racially biased policing in Iowa. We envision a society, free from racial oppression.

About Just Voices

Just Voices – Speaking Truth. Seeking Justice. In the spring of 2019, created a website to house the data and the stories collected from Black and Brown people to document and help in the struggle against racially biased policing.

In addition to the internet presence, the work to combat racially biased policing in Iowa's capital city would be ongoing. The stories would continue to come forth and the data would continue to build a case for the reality of this ineffective policing practice. Consequently, in the fall of 2019, paperwork was filed to take this effort beyond a website to a non-profit organization.

Just Voices will stay engaged in this fight and continue to seek laws at a local and state level that ban racial profiling in Des Moines, and the state of Iowa. We welcome other organizations and everyday people to join us. The website will continue to be a place where concerned citizens, like-minded organizations, academia, legal professionals, and Iowans of all ages can learn more about racially biased policing in the heartland of America. We hope that through the website, people can understand the traumatic and long-lasting impact racially biased policing has on the lives of Black and Brown Iowans.

Partnership with First UU

Just Voices is a new emerging organization and is seeking opportunities to partner with First UU in the areas of community education, legislative advocacy and education. We hope that our partnership will offer opportunities to education our congregation, communicate our values to the greater community and create a forum for face to face engagement.

Use of Funds

If selected as an FIA partnering organization, monetary donations will support communication activities, web site and other opportunities for engagement, advocacy, and public education.

Volunteer Opportunities

Working with Just Voices, helping with communication, education, and advocacy activities. Setting up workshops, interviewing people helping with data collection and reporting, carefully reviewing DMPD records and preparing reports of findings. Examine and report on the response of the DMPD to the protests in the summer of 2020, interviews with people, setting up workshops and working on the fall municipal elections in Des Moines.