

MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK

25 YEARS OF VICTORIES

Twenty five years ago, New York City was expanding a youth jail with tax dollars. Workers in low-wage industries like car washes routinely had their wages stolen, and immigrant youth couldn't access financial aid.

Thanks to brave fights led by MRNY's members, our city and state are, by many measures, more fair and equitable places. We stopped the expansion of that youth jail, secured groundbreaking laws to protect low-wage workers, expanded college access for immigrant youth statewide, and much more. We are proud to be leading this tremendous organization and humbled to stand on the shoulders of those who came before us.

We look ahead to 2023 with determination to win full inclusion of excluded workers in our unemployment safety net, get police out of our schools, make sure all New Yorkers have access to health care, and more.

Thank you for standing with us,
Arlenis, Jose and Theo



ERLYN DIAZ

LONG ISLAND ESOL ALUM AND MEMBER

Erlын came to MRNY because she lost her job as a factory worker when Covid hit. MRNY provided her with emergency cash and helped her apply successfully to the NYS Excluded Worker Fund which enabled her to pay her bills and cover other necessities. While she was laid off, Erlын took advantage of our remote ESOL classes, which allowed her to improve her English and find a new job in the construction industry.



IRANIA SANCHEZ

MRNY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

In 1998, Irania came to MRNY after being denied interpretation at a public benefit center. She joined our language access campaign, which resulted in a new law mandating translation and interpretation in



all city public benefits centers. Twenty-five years later, Irania helps lead the organization as a member of the board of directors and an active leader in our organizing campaigns.

Make the Road New York (MRNY) builds the power of immigrant and working class communities to achieve dignity and justice through organizing, policy innovation, transformative education, and survival services. We have over 25,000 members and operate five community centers in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, Long Island and Westchester.

QUEENS

92-10 Roosevelt Avenue
Jackson Heights, NY 11372

BROOKLYN

301 Grove Street
Brooklyn, NY 11237

STATEN ISLAND

161 Port Richmond Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10302

LONG ISLAND

1090 Suffolk Avenue
Brentwood, NY 11717

SUPPORT OUR WORK



WESTCHESTER

46 Waller Avenue
White Plains, NY 10605

2004

Victory! Law requiring landlords to remove toxic lead paint from apartments.

2010

Victory! NYS Wage Theft Prevention Act, the strongest policy of its type in the US.

2012

Victory! Won DACA through organizing and ensured that thousands of young New Yorkers secured this life-changing benefit.

2013

Victory! Community Safety Act, groundbreaking law aimed at ending discriminatory policing.

2014

Launched in New Jersey and Pennsylvania (2014), Connecticut (2015), and Nevada (2017). Expanded to Westchester (2018).



2017

Led airport protests that defeated the "Muslim ban" and prevented DACA from being dismantled.

2015

Victory! Healthcare access for trans and gender non-conforming New Yorkers.



2018

Victory! Asthma-Free Housing Act requiring landlords to keep apartments free of pests and mold.

2019

Victories! Forced corporations to divest from private prisons and won driver's licenses for all.

2021

Victories! Groundbreaking \$2.1B Excluded Workers Fund, investments in culturally responsive education, and more!

2022

Welcomed migrants arriving in NYC with cash assistance, pre-paid phones and services.

2020

Raised and distributed \$4.6M to 6K families impacted by Covid and ensured that thousands had access to healthcare and other services.



25 YEARS OF IMPACT

MRNY has made New York fairer and more just:

30,000 people per year improve their lives through our programs in adult education, health access, legal services and youth services

MILLIONS of people benefit directly from policy transformations that we won

BILLIONS of dollars invested in government programs like the Excluded Workers Fund