

# A LONG TALK

ABOUT THE UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH

## The Frontline

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Next Generation - Young Activists



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A huge part of our 15 year game plan to eradicate racism rests squarely on our ability to organize and inspire the next generation of freedom fighters. Whether on the frontlines of protest across the nation, organizing local efforts, or by using their platforms to broadcast their call for justice and equality globally, the power of the young activist can never be underestimated. History teaches us that young leadership like Fred Hampton, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, Stokely Carmichael and countless others have consistently lead the charge to usher in an era of change. Today's young activist culture is no different. Powerful voices like Amanda Gorman, X Gonzalez, and Tamika Mallory may already resonate with you, but there is a growing nation of young people who are focused and determined to be the change they expect to see in the world. We invite you to meet some of these amazing people in our latest episode of [The Frontline](#).

~Kyle R. Williams  
Chief Empowerment Officer, A Long Talk

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## Community Call to Action



grant writing, funding procurement, and small project management. The time requirement will be no more than 2 - 4 hours per week.

If you are willing to use your talents and skills to assist in this area, please email [kyle@alongtalk.com](mailto:kyle@alongtalk.com) and we will follow up with you to see how we can work together.

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### School Gun Violence Sparks a Major Movement Led by Young Activists



The next generation of young activist made a name for themselves by taking to the streets and organizing the [March for Our Lives](#) in Washington DC following the mass shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Their mission is to "harness the power of young people across the country to fight for sensible gun violence prevention policies that save lives."

**Click the image to learn more.**

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### Leaders of the March for Our Lives



These next generation activists led and organized the March for Our Lives in 2018. They continue to be a voice regarding gun control and advocates for safe schools.

**Click the image to hear the powerful speech from X Gonzalez.**

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### Yara Shahidi - Called the Voice of Generation X



Yara Shahidi is one of her generation's most influential voices around politics, fashion, and social justice.

**Click the image to see her interview on The View.**

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### Malala Inspired Millions and Changed the World



**Malala Yousafzai**

She is an activist for female education, a human rights advocate, and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner inspired millions of people around the world when she stood up for what she believes in, even in the face of terror.

*Click the image to see her Nobel Prize acceptance speech.*

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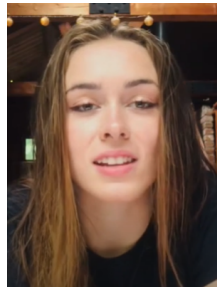
**Meet the Young Activist of A Long Talk**



**Ella Gantman**

Hello! My name is Ella and I am a junior at Princeton. I am so excited to have the opportunity to be featured by A Long Talk. It is so important for young people to get involved in your communities and make your voices heard. Continuing engagement with A Long Talk is a great way to start your activism and there is so much else out there! Find the needs of your community and find small actionable steps to address those needs. All amazing things start with one action!

*Click the image to hear more from Ella.*



**Greysen Kirk**

My name is Graysen Kirk and I am the next generation of youth activism. Activism for me is more than a passion it's a lifestyle and it's a movement, an important one at that. To me activism is just being a decent human being and doing your part in contributing to the greater good. To the well-being of not only others but of ourselves as well because it affects all of us. I hope that in watching my video about myself and my message you become inspired to do more or learn more yourself.

*Click the image to hear more from Greysen.*



**Isa Merriam**

Hello everyone, I am Isa Merriam and I am a member of the A Long Talk community. I am here to encourage people to become active in discussing discrimination within their communities, especially as it pertains to education. Thank you all for being here and I hope you will all start or continue your journey with activism.

***Click the image to hear more from Isa.***



**Jennelle Gadowski**

I am a 22 year old queer woman. I am an intersectional feminist, activist for social and environmental justice. I am a member of numerous community organizations, such as the NAACP Martha's Vineyard, Black Lives Matter, and A Long Talk. I have dedicated my life to bettering myself and my community by helping create a more equitable and just world for us all. My goal is to help dismantle racism, abolish white supremacy, and decolonize education.

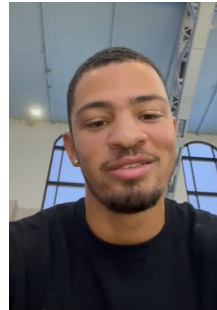
***Click the image to hear more from Jennelle.***



**Zahra Udaipurwala**

American University Freshman  
Graduated from Quaker Valley  
High School

***Click the Image to hear from Zahra.***



**Jelani Williams**

University of Penn Senior  
Graduated from Sidwell  
Friends High School

***Click the image to hear from Jelani.***

### Shout-Outs From The Frontline

**Martha's Vineyard's Team and the Quaker Valley School**

**District in Pennsylvania.** We commend you on your commitment to become an ally in the fight to dismantle white supremacy. Your participation in A Long Talk About the Uncomfortable Truth is only the beginning. We look forward to continuing this conversation as we get to work on the task of putting "an anti-racist at every dinner table in America." We salute you for your groundbreaking work on the frontlines of the War on Ignorance!

We stand with you as you stand with us!

Together we can!

**Click the images to visit their websites.**

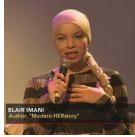
## Culture Corner



**Nanauwe  
Vanderhoop**

This first nation artist and activist from the Wopanaak Tribe is bringing attention to her people through her art. The Wopanaak Tribe is indigenous to the island of Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Massachusetts and bring the message of our shared responsibility to take care of the land we inhabit.

**Click the image to hear her music.**



**Blair Imani**

This queer Muslim activist is bringing much needed attention to gay Muslims and the frequent discrimination they face for simply being themselves.

**Click the image to see her share her story.**



**Xiuhtezcatl Roske-  
Martinez**

This indigenous climate change activist delivered an amazing speech to the United Nations in 2015. He has been in the business of trying to save the earth since the age of six.

**Click the image to see his speech to the United Nations.**

## State of the Union

**Current Events    History Matters**



Nupol Kiazolu is the President of Black Lives Matter Greater New York Chapter.

*Click the image to learn how she became activated.*



Jazz Jennings, at 18 years old, is an LGBT rights activist and co-founder of the TransKids Purple Rainbow Foundation which aims to help transgender youth.

*Click the image to learn more.*

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Angela Davis began her career as an activist and revolutionary in the 1960's. *Click the image to see an excerpt from an interview that discusses violence and revolution.*



Fred Hampton, the revolutionary leader of Chicago's Black Panther Party, was murdered at age 21. *Click the image to learn more about how he wanted to unite all people.*

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