

THE WOMEN'S BUILDING NEWSLETTER

We Keep Showing Up



Fear in immigrant communities does not come from nowhere. [Across the country, we have seen a sharp rise in policies and political rhetoric that question who belongs, restrict rights, and create uncertainty in people's everyday lives.](#) At the same time, organizations that provide trusted information, resources, advocacy, and safe community spaces are being asked to do more with fewer resources.

At TWB, these funding losses have already affected our staff, programs, and the number of people we can serve. Still, we have chosen to meet this moment and continue showing up, even as the resources available to do so become more limited.

Keeping this work going will take all of us. Support can mean [giving, volunteering, sharing resources or skills](#), making connections, or amplifying our work. There is a place for everyone in sustaining what our communities have built together.

Support our work at womensbuilding.org

From Lived Experience to Collective Leadership

Last Thursday, August 13, we held the final session of [Voces que Lideran](#), our 6 session leadership cohort created by and for migrant women.

Over the course of six weeks, participants came together for two hours each week to reflect, learn, share, and build community. **Together, we explored leadership from lived experience, reimagined leadership through a community rooted framework, practiced body based care and collective well being, learned about rights that protect us in the workplace, reflected on civic participation, and closed by exploring collective leadership and community organizing.**

Throughout the cohort, **we challenged the idea that leadership only belongs to people with titles, formal roles, or institutional power.** Instead, we honored the leadership that already lives in women's stories, care, resilience, knowledge, and everyday acts of support. [Voces que Lideran](#) invited us to question models of leadership that exclude, silence, or limit people, and to imagine leadership as something shared, relational, and rooted in community.





This work does not end here. We look forward to continuing to build with these women and to creating more opportunities for future cohorts.

Leadership already exists in our communities. What is missing is the investment, space, and trust to let it grow. Help us make sure **Voces que Lideran** is not a one time offering, but the beginning of more cohorts, more connection, and more collective power. Go to womensbuilding.org to help make that possible

Our Building, Our Community Infrastructure

At the beginning of August, we welcomed leaders from the [Building Power Resource Center](#) to TWB to share our work toward becoming a more resilient community space.

[Our solar project is a first step in a larger vision.](#) We are working toward a building that can better support our community during extreme weather and emergencies, with reliable power, lighting, internet access, water, and a trusted place to gather. Barcelona [offers one example](#) of what resilient community infrastructure can look like, with public spaces that provide refuge and basic resources during extreme weather.

At TWB, we are exploring how our own building can become better prepared to care for our community when emergencies happen.

We were glad to welcome the [San Francisco Department of the Environment](#), [Association for Energy Affordability](#), [LDP Architecture](#), [Engineering 350](#) and [Engineering 360](#), [PODER](#), [Emerald Cities Collaborative](#), [Hart Howerton](#), [RATCLIFF Architects](#), [MedCycle](#), [UCSF Health](#), and [Health Care Without Harm](#) into this tour and conversation.



Ella Se Conecta. Session II

Ella Se Conecta is back for its second Spanish language technology workshop on **Wednesday, August 26, from 3:30 to 4:30 PM**, at **TWB the Smart Room**

This session will focus on cybersecurity and taking control of your digital footprint. Participants will learn practical ways to identify scams, stay safer online, and better understand how their information lives on the internet. We will also make some space to talk about AI and how to navigate it with greater confidence.

For more information, contact **Britney** at Britney@womensbuilding.org.



Ella Se Conecta: Tecnología 101

Taller de Uso de Tecnología en Español

2ª Sesión | 26 de agosto | 3:30 a 4:30 PM

@ The Women's Building Smart Room.

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Restoration of MaestraPeace is underway!

With support from an [Avenue Greenlight](#) Grant, original muralists Meera Desai and Juana Alicia have begun the careful work of preparing and restoring the walls they helped bring to life more than 30 years ago. These photos offer a glimpse of the skill, time, and care this process requires.

[MaestraPeace](#) is part of a living feminist ecosystem. It surrounds a building where women and our communities gather, organize, find support, create, and build power together. Caring for the mural also means caring for the space and the histories it holds.

This grant made it possible to begin, but **MaestraPeace** still needs significant repairs and care. Help us keep women's histories alive and visible. Explore the stories held across the mural at womensbuilding.org, visit TWB and [request a tour](#), or directly support its restoration [here](#). There are many ways to stand with MaestraPeace. Choose yours and join us.



Volunteer With TWB



Our work is possible because people believe in it and choose to be part of it. We are currently looking for volunteers to join two essential community services at TWB.

Support our **Food Pantry** on **Monday mornings**, helping distribute fresh food with care and dignity, or join our **Community Resource Room Front desk**, connecting people with housing, employment, legal, health, and other resources. Both roles require **English and Spanish** and a commitment to our community.

Interested? Contact **Citlali Ramos** at citlali@womensbuilding.org or [click here](#) to learn more and apply.

Yoga Is Back

A reminder that our [community yoga classes](#) are happening every Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 PM at TWB.

Led by **Majo García**, these Spanish language sessions are part of **SanArte: Community Wellness for Mind, Body, and Spirit**, a program created by and for Latina women.

Join us and make space for movement, connection, and collective care.



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Support Teatro Nahual and experience [El viaje de los cantores](#), a Spanish language performance weaving migrant testimonies, memory, dreams, humor, and the realities facing Latinx immigrant communities today.. [Click here to learn more](#) and **get your ticket now.**

Barbara Forever comes to the Balboa Theater celebrate feminist and queer storytelling with *Barbara Forever*, an intimate documentary honoring the life and legacy of pioneering lesbian filmmaker Barbara Hammer. [Click here to learn more](#) and reserve your spot.

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