

# CLAIMING OUR POWER

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ChangeMakers Awards.



SAALT's Executive Director, Suman Raghunathan, delivers opening remarks at the ChangeMakers Reception.



Former SAALT Board of Directors member Archana Sahgal presents the Ford Foundation with the Philanthropic ChangeMakers Award. Keynote Speaker Vivek Malhotra, Director of Civil and Human Rights at the Ford Foundation, accepts the award.



Sasha Wijeyeratne accepts a ChangeMakers Award on behalf of the DeQH Desi lgbtQ Helpline for South Asians.



Sunil Oommen, Chair of SAALT's Board of Directors, addresses the ChangeMakers Reception.



Summit participants learn from their peers who have conducted youth-focused or youth-driven community projects via a poster session.



Lakshmi Sridaran (SAALT), Radhika Sharma (Apna Ghar), and Fahd Ahmed (DRUM—South Asian Organizing Center) examine innovative models and approaches to addressing issues at the intersection of multiple movements.



Summit participants contextualize the role of South Asians in the Black Lives Matter movement.



Anirvan Chatterjee (Alliance of South Asian Taking Action, DeQH), Mala Nagarajan (Queer South Asian National Network), Almas Haider (Queer South Asian National Network), and Pabitra Benjamin (National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance) lead a workshop on being more inclusive and supportive of LGBTQI South Asians.



Summit participant engages panelists on how South Asians can prepare for DACA and DAPA.



Kalia Abiade (Center for New Community), Navdeep Singh (Sikh American Legal Defense & Education Fund), Harsh Voruganti (Hindu American Foundation), and Darakshan Raja (Washington Peace Center) lead a panel on Hate Violence.



Shivana Jorwar (National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum) reflects on the intersections of racial and reproductive justice.



Dante Barry (Million Hoodies), Christian Ramirez, (Southern Border Communities Coalition), and Rinku Sen (RaceForward) lead a panel focusing on solidarity, unity and building strong alliances.



Summit participants prepare to meet with Congressional offices.



Summit participants before Advocacy Day.



Summit participants having a robust conversation at the Community Briefing at the Capitol during Advocacy Day.