

Agenda

MORNING SESSION: State House Welcome Center (210 State St)

- ① 8:30 – 9:00 AM
Arrive at the State House, check in, and settle in for the morning session.
- ② 9:00 – 10:30 AM
Hear from speakers who champion democracy and protect the rights of voters.

Speakers include: Anna Kellar, Executive Director of LWVME, Senator Hickman, Rep. Supica, and Senator Bennett.
- ③ 10:30 – 11:00 AM
Get ready to talk to your legislator! We've provided talking points on our priority bills, the Maine Women's Lobby guide to lobbying, and a worksheet for you to record your conversations. If this is your first time lobbying and you'd like some assistance, please let us know.
- ④ 11:00 – 12:00 PM
It's time to lobby your legislator.

— *Break for lunch* —

AFTERNOON SESSION: Blaine House (192 State St)

- ⑤ 1:30 – 2:00 PM
Make your way to the Blaine House for afternoon tea.
- ⑥ 2:00 – 2:30 PM
Time for tea. Time to mingle. Say hello to old and new League friends.
- ⑦ 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Panel discussion featuring youth activists.

Speakers include: Cole Cochern, Ania Wright, and Saga Hart.
- ⑧ 3:30 PM
Conclusion of Advocacy Day and goodbye for now! Make sure to turn in any worksheets and reimbursement forms before you leave Augusta.

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Speaker Bios



Anna Kellar — Anna grew up in Maine before earning a BA in Political Science from Yale University and a Masters in Conflict Studies from the London School of Economics. Their experience with democracy and anti-corruption campaigns in Eastern Europe and Central Asia makes them all the more committed to preserving and strengthening civil society and grassroots democracy in Maine. Anna started working at MCCE in 2014 as an organizer on the Clean Elections Initiative. They ran for the state legislature as a Clean Elections candidate in 2016. In 2017, Anna was appointed as the first joint Executive Director for MCCE and the League of Women Voters of Maine.



Cole Cochern — Is a grassroots organizer and activist that is focused on making a more liveable future for Mainers. He is a founding member of Maine Youth Action, a Legislative Coordinator at MYCJ, and has been involved in environmental policy over the past 2 years. He has also led the effort to lower the voting age to 16, advocating for more representation and active participation in politics. Protecting the right to vote and increasing public participation is key to getting critical issues solved!



Ania Wright — Is an organizer and activist working toward climate justice. She has been the Youth Representative on the Maine Climate Council, Co-authored Maine's first Climate Justice curriculum, a founding member of Maine Youth for Climate Justice, and a founding member of the Downeast Climate Emergency Action Coalition. Ania is currently the Political & Legislative Specialist for Maine's Chapter of the Sierra Club.



Saga Hart — is a Maine high school student and youth activist. She mainly focuses on LGBTQ+ advocacy work, but overall works to encourage youth to get involved with politics and advocate for themselves and others. She first became involved in activism when she began leading her high school Gender Sexuality Alliance her freshman year and volunteering with EqualityMaine. Now, she has founded her own organization, the Youth Oriented Queer Collective (YOQC), and works at Maine Youth Power running a state-wide gender-neutral bathroom campaign, among other work at OUT Maine, Maine Youth Action Network, and more. In her free time, she is a national Speech & Debate Competitor, participates in theater, and is a filmmaker and photographer.