

We are living through a national crisis. We are not even halfway through 2023, and yet we've already witnessed more than 200 mass shootings this year – a figure which will only increase with time

§ According to Pew Research, gun deaths among U.S. children and teens have increased by 50% over the two years.

§ Guns are officially the number one killer of children and teenagers in the United States.

We want to transform this reality

The Here 4 the Kids movement calls on Colorado Governor Jared Polis to sign an Executive Order to ban guns and implement a statewide buyback program. To achieve this goal, we are organizing a peaceful sit-in of 25,000+ white women from around the country on [Monday, June 5, at 5am in Denver, Colorado](#).

We are calling on and calling in white women specifically for a few reasons.

We prioritize the safety of historically marginalized and vulnerable populations whose bodies are often on the front lines fighting for human and civil rights; thus we are specifically and respectfully inviting white women to take part in this act of civil disobedience

White women are the least likely to be brutalized by the police and hold multiple intersections of privilege and power to take up physical space and demand change.

As we cannot guarantee ADA-compliant access and/or safety on the ground, we are encouraging people from marginalized and vulnerable communities to join the [remote campaign](#):

- Children under the age 18
- BIPOC – Black, brown, indigenous, people of color
- LGBTQIA+ – lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and more
- Disabled, chronically ill/immunocompromised, caregiving/caretaking
- Non-citizens/non-visa holders
- People experiencing financial insecurity.

Our remote campaign is an accessible and safe opportunity to take direct action online, uplift the direct action happening on the ground in Denver on June 5, and center the voices of those who are most at risk for gun violence at the hands of white supremacy.

All of that said, we understand that every person has the agency to make their own decisions on their involvement.

Here 4 the Kids Movement is Different

Here 4 the Kids is led by Black, Brown, and Indigenous women, and June 5 is an act of civil disobedience rooted in Black History.

We are honoring the six hundred Black civil rights leaders and peaceful demonstrators who began their journey from Selma to Montgomery in 1965 and how their sacrifice and efforts led to The Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Here 4 the Kids is a national movement with a state-by-state strategy starting in Colorado – and we acknowledge the efforts of other anti-gun advocates and organizations for their contribution, research, and legislative work.

Here is our Ask:

§ Please share the message of our movement to your networks and on social media to encourage:

- White women to join us in [Denver, Colorado on Monday, June 5](#)
- Other folks from marginalized, vulnerable communities to [join our remote campaign](#) (yet recognize they have agency to make their own decisions)
- Anyone to join us as a [volunteer](#)
- All to [donate to our cause](#) to help cover costs in Denver
- All of these actions are found via our website: www.here4thekids.com
- Please use the hashtags #here4thekidsaction #bangunsbuythemback #wecanwewill

§ We hope you can share this on social media and if you can please tag the appropriate account:

- Instagram: <http://instagram.com/here4thekidsaction/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/here4forkidsaction>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/4thekidsaction>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/here-4-the-kids/>