



Chitra Panjabi



Title: Membership Vice President

Chitra Panjabi is an intersectional feminist activist with a professional background in non-profit management and fundraising. Panjabi was elected membership vice president in 2013 in an uncontested election. She joins a small group of national officers elected prior to their 30th birthday.

Raised in Hong Kong, Panjabi's parents were immigrants from India. Prior to moving to the United States in 2008, she lived in the United Kingdom for four years. Due to her experiences of living as a minority in three diverse countries, she has seen firsthand how discrimination and inequality persist worldwide, and has thus committed herself to the fight for equality. The lessons she learned from her upbringing inspire her daily to transcend boundaries and borders in fighting the intersecting oppressions that women face.

Panjabi has served as president of 51st State NOW and as a leader of the DC NOW chapter. She played a vital role in revitalizing the anniversary programming for Roe v. Wade, expanding the event from a small vigil to a large activist celebration which has become a cornerstone of DC NOW's annual actions. She has extensive experience working in a variety of capacities at progressive non-profit organizations, including South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT); The Women's Foundation in Hong Kong; and the Sewall-Belmont House & Museum in Washington, DC.

Eager to put her professional experience in non-profit fundraising and membership development program — including data analysis and outreach strategies — to good use at NOW, Panjabi is committed to growing the chapter leadership and grassroots base to reflect the diversity of women across the United States by expanding NOW's online activism. Her plans include the promotion and proliferation of virtual chapters, engagement with the grassroots across social media platforms, and internet-based activism.

Panjabi holds a bachelor's degree from King's College London, a master's degree in international journalism from City University, London, and a master's degree in women's studies from George Washington University in Washington, DC.