Finding Your People:

National Progressive Organizations Where Liberal Buyers Can Plug In Anywhere

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Moving to a new city is disorienting, even when you chose it deliberately. The house gets unpacked. The neighborhood starts to feel familiar. But community — the people who share your values, who show up to the same meetings, who become your people over time — that takes intention to build.

One of the fastest ways to find your footing in a new place is to plug into an organization you already believe in. Whether your passion is environmental justice, voting rights, LGBTQ+ advocacy, racial equity, or simply local civic life, there is almost certainly a chapter, affiliate, or local presence waiting for you in your new city.

This guide covers national progressive organizations with strong local chapter networks across the United States — groups that are active, organized, and ready to welcome newcomers. It's not exhaustive, but it's a genuine starting point for the values-aligned buyer who wants to arrive somewhere and know how to find their community.

How to use this guide: Find the categories that align with your priorities. Look up the national organization's chapter finder or local group directory. Then show up — once. That's usually enough to know if it's your people.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & POLITICAL ORGANIZING

These organizations form the backbone of progressive political infrastructure across the country. They turn values into action — at the ballot box, in local government, and in communities.

Indivisible

indivisible.org

Born out of the 2016 election, Indivisible has built one of the largest networks of local progressive advocacy groups in the country, with thousands of chapters across all 50 states. Chapters are autonomous and range from small neighborhood groups to large organized chapters that work on local, state, and federal issues. The chapter finder on their website is genuinely useful — most mid-size and larger cities have an active group.

MoveOn

moveon.org

One of the oldest and largest progressive organizing networks in the US. MoveOn coordinates national campaigns but also supports local events and actions through its member network. A good entry point for people who want to stay connected to national political conversations while meeting local progressives.

Our Revolution

ourrevolution.com

The organizing network that grew out of Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign, Our Revolution supports progressive candidates at the local and state level and has active chapters in dozens of cities. Particularly strong on economic justice, labor, and healthcare issues. Chapter finder available on the website.

Run for Something

runforsomething.net

Not a chapter-based organization, but a critical part of the progressive pipeline. Run for Something recruits and supports young progressives running for down-ballot local office — school boards, city councils, state legislatures. If you're a newcomer who wants to plug into politics at the local level, this is a place to start.

League of Women Voters

lwv.org

One of the oldest nonpartisan civic organizations in the US, the League of Women Voters has local chapters in nearly every state and hundreds of cities. While officially nonpartisan, it has deep roots in progressive civic values — voter registration, election integrity, and civic education. Local chapters are often excellent entry points to community engagement for newcomers.

Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)

dsausa.org

The largest socialist organization in the US, with chapters in most major cities and many smaller ones. DSA chapters vary considerably in size, focus, and political culture — some are primarily electoral, others focus on labor organizing or mutual aid. The chapter finder on their website shows active local organizations. A natural home for left-leaning buyers who want to be part of organized political community.

ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE JUSTICE

For buyers who care about the planet, environmental organizations offer some of the most active and accessible local communities in the country — from grassroots direct action to policy advocacy to community land stewardship.

Sierra Club

sierraclub.org

The Sierra Club has local chapters in every state and most major metropolitan areas. Chapter activities range from outdoor hikes and conservation trips to political advocacy and local environmental campaigns. The local chapter model makes it one of the easiest national organizations to plug into as a newcomer — many chapters actively welcome new members and have regular social events alongside their advocacy work.

350.org

350.org

The global climate action organization has an active US chapter network focused on fossil fuel divestment, clean energy advocacy, and climate justice. Local groups tend to be action-oriented and politically engaged. Strong presence in progressive cities and college towns.

Sunrise Movement

sunrisemovement.org

The youth-led climate organization that helped push the Green New Deal into mainstream political conversation. Sunrise has hubs in cities across the country, particularly strong in major metros and college towns. If you care about climate policy and want to work alongside younger organizers, Sunrise hubs are energetic and active communities.

Earthjustice

earthjustice.org

The largest environmental law organization in the US, Earthjustice focuses on legal advocacy rather than direct community organizing. But their regional offices and programs connect supporters to campaigns on air quality, water, public lands, and environmental justice. More of a cause-aligned connection than a community hub, but meaningful for environmental professionals and engaged donors.

Food & Water Watch

foodandwaterwatch.org

Focuses on clean water, sustainable food systems, and opposing factory farming and fracking. Has state and local organizers in many parts of the country and connects concerned residents to local environmental campaigns. Particularly active in states with active fossil fuel development.

NRDC Action Fund

nrdcactionfund.org

The advocacy arm of the Natural Resources Defense Council, with state-level advocacy programs across the country. Good for environmentally engaged buyers who want to connect to policy-focused climate work at the state and local level.

LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY & ADVOCACY

LGBTQ+ community organizations are some of the most tightly woven and mutually supportive communities in American civic life. For LGBTQ+ buyers — and for straight allies who want to be part of genuinely inclusive communities — these organizations offer connection, support, and purpose.

Human Rights Campaign (HRC)

hrc.org

The largest LGBTQ+ civil rights organization in the US. HRC has steering committees and active volunteer networks in cities across the country. Local HRC groups organize around advocacy, visibility events, and community building. The HRC website has a chapter/local group directory.

PFLAG

pflag.org

PFLAG (originally Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) has over 400 chapters across the US, making it one of the most geographically accessible LGBTQ+ support organizations in the country. Chapters typically hold regular meetings and are particularly welcoming to newcomers. Strong presence in smaller cities and towns where other LGBTQ+ organizations may not exist.

GLSEN

glsen.org

Focused on creating safe and affirming schools for LGBTQ+ students. GLSEN has local chapters and district-level networks across the country. An important connection for LGBTQ+ buyers who have children or care deeply about school equity and inclusivity.

Lambda Legal

lambdalegal.org

A legal defense organization that fights for the rights of LGBTQ+ people through litigation and policy advocacy. Regional offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, and New York. Less of a community hub than an organization to support and follow, but actively engages advocates and donors.

National LGBTQ Task Force

thetaskforce.org

One of the oldest LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations in the country, the Task Force focuses on building power at the local and state level. They train organizers, support state-level campaigns, and convene the annual Creating Change conference — one of the largest LGBTQ+ political gatherings in the US. Strong network for politically engaged LGBTQ+ activists.

Local LGBTQ+ Community Centers

lgbtcenters.org

The CenterLink network connects LGBTQ+ community centers across the US. Most major cities — and many smaller ones — have a community center that serves as a hub for events, support groups, social activities, and community organizing. The CenterLink directory is the best place to find your local center. These are often the fastest way to meet LGBTQ+ community members in a new city.

RACIAL EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Organizations working on racial justice and equity are doing some of the most vital and immediate community work in the country. For buyers who want to be part of that work in a new city, these national networks offer local connections to meaningful efforts.

NAACP

naacp.org

The oldest and largest civil rights organization in the US, the NAACP has local branches in cities and towns across all 50 states. Branch activities vary widely — some are primarily advocacy-focused, others are active community organizing hubs. The NAACP branch finder on their website makes it easy to locate your local chapter. One of the most geographically accessible civil rights organizations in the country.

Color of Change

colorofchange.org

The largest online racial justice organization in the US. Primarily a campaign and advocacy organization rather than a chapter-based community group, but an important place to stay connected to national racial justice campaigns and amplify local efforts. Good for buyers who want to stay informed and engaged between community activities.

UnidosUS (formerly NCLR)

unidosus.org

The largest Latino civil rights and advocacy organization in the US. UnidosUS has a network of nearly 300 affiliated community-based organizations (Affiliates) across the country that provide services and advocacy in Latino communities. The Affiliate directory connects newcomers to local community organizations.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC)

advancingjustice-aajc.org

A national organization advancing the civil and human rights of Asian Americans. Has affiliated organizations in Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, and the San Francisco Bay Area, with broader networks of partners across the country. Particularly active on voting rights, immigration, and anti-discrimination advocacy.

Movement for Black Lives (M4BL)

m4bl.org

A coalition of over 150 organizations representing Black communities across the US. M4BL's member organizations work on criminal justice reform, economic justice, political power, and community safety. The member directory connects community members to local organizations doing this work.

ACLU

aclu.org

The American Civil Liberties Union has state affiliates in all 50 states plus Puerto Rico and Washington DC, and local chapters in many cities. State affiliates work on a wide range of civil liberties issues including racial justice, voting rights, LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive rights, and immigrants' rights. Becoming a member and connecting with your state affiliate is a reliable way to plug into civil liberties advocacy in any state.

LABOR & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

For buyers with roots in labor organizing or a commitment to economic justice, these organizations offer both advocacy connections and genuine community in cities across the country.

AFL-CIO

aflcio.org

The largest federation of unions in the US, the AFL-CIO has state federations and local central labor councils in cities across the country. Central labor councils are excellent community hubs — they connect union members across industries, organize solidarity events, and engage in local political advocacy. If you're a union member or worker-solidarity ally relocating, your local central labor council is worth finding immediately.

Jobs with Justice

jobswithJustice.org

A national network of local coalitions that brings together labor unions, community organizations, faith groups, and student organizations to fight for workers' rights. Local Jobs with Justice coalitions are active in dozens of cities and are often the connective tissue between labor and broader progressive community organizing.

National Domestic Workers Alliance

domesticworkers.org

Advocates for the rights of nannies, house cleaners, and home care workers. Has local affiliate organizations in cities across the country and does important intersectional work connecting labor rights with immigrant rights and racial justice. A meaningful connection for buyers who care about the dignity of all workers.

United Way

unitedway.org

The largest network of locally-based charitable organizations in the US, with chapters in virtually every community in the country. While not a political organization, United Way chapters mobilize volunteers, connect community members to service opportunities, and often serve as entry points to the broader social-service and advocacy community in a new city. A practical first step for buyers who want to give back immediately.

PROGRESSIVE FAITH COMMUNITIES

For buyers who are people of faith — or who find meaning in the traditions and community of religious practice — progressive faith communities offer something unique: the intersection of spiritual life and social justice. These denominations and organizations are explicitly affirming, justice-centered, and active.

Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

uua.org

UU congregations are found in cities and towns across the US and are widely known as welcoming communities for people of all backgrounds, beliefs, and identities. UU churches are explicitly affirming, socially active, and often serve as community hubs for progressive newcomers — whether or not you consider yourself religious. The UUA congregation finder is easy to use.

United Church of Christ (UCC)

ucc.org

One of the most progressive mainline Protestant denominations in the US. The UCC was the first Christian denomination in the US to affirm same-sex marriage, and its 'Open and Affirming' congregations are explicitly welcoming to LGBTQ+ members. Strong tradition of social justice work. Congregation finder available on the UCC website.

Interfaith Alliance

interfaithalliance.org

A national organization of religious and non-religious Americans who are united around the values of religious freedom, democracy, and civil rights. Connects progressive people of faith to advocacy and community in cities across the country.

Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

networklobby.org

A Catholic social justice organization rooted in the tradition of Catholic social teaching. NETWORK advocates for policies that protect the poor, address inequality, and advance racial and environmental justice. A community for progressive Catholics who want to live out social justice values.

Reconstructing Judaism

reconstructingjudaism.org

The Reconstructionist movement is the most explicitly progressive branch of Judaism, with congregations that are affirming, socially engaged, and committed to equity. Congregations in major and mid-size cities across the US. The movement's values of tikkun olam (repairing the world) are expressed through active community service and justice work.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS & WOMEN'S ADVOCACY

Reproductive rights organizations have never been more active or more necessary. For buyers who prioritize these issues, connecting with local chapters of national organizations is both a way to take meaningful action and to find community with people who share deep convictions.

Planned Parenthood Action Fund

plannedparenthoodaction.org

The advocacy arm of Planned Parenthood has state-level action funds across the country that organize around reproductive rights legislation and candidate support. Planned Parenthood affiliates also have community events and volunteer opportunities in cities across the US. The affiliate finder on their website connects you to your local organization.

NARAL Pro-Choice America

prochoiceamerica.org

One of the largest reproductive rights advocacy organizations in the country, with state affiliates and activists across the US. State affiliates vary significantly in their structure and activity — the NARAL website connects members to state-level work.

National Organization for Women (NOW)

now.org

The largest feminist organization in the US, with state organizations and local chapters across the country. NOW chapters work on a wide range of women's rights issues including reproductive freedom, economic justice, ending violence against women, and LGBTQ+ rights. The chapter finder on their website makes it easy to locate local groups.

Emily's List

emilyslist.org

Dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic women at all levels of government. More of an electoral organization than a community hub, but an important part of the progressive political ecosystem and a place to connect with others who prioritize women's political representation.

HOUSING JUSTICE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

For buyers who believe that access to safe, stable, affordable housing is a right — not a privilege — these organizations do vital work in communities across the country. Connecting with them is a way to use your privilege as a homeowner to advocate for others.

National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA)

nationalfairhousing.org

The consortium of more than 200 private, non-profit fair housing organizations, state and local civil rights agencies, and individuals across the country working to eliminate housing discrimination. The NFHA member directory connects residents to local fair housing organizations that investigate complaints, advocate for policy, and educate communities. A meaningful connection for buyers committed to housing equity.

National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)

nlihc.org

Dedicated to achieving socially just public policy that ensures people with the lowest incomes have affordable, decent homes. NLIHC has a network of state coalitions and organizational members across the country who advocate for affordable housing policy. Their annual Out of Reach report is a sobering look at housing affordability in every state.

Habitat for Humanity

habitat.org

Habitat affiliates are active in nearly every community in the country and are among the most accessible volunteer opportunities for new residents who want to contribute immediately. Beyond building homes, Habitat affiliates often engage in advocacy around affordable housing policy. A practical, hands-on way to put housing values into action.

Community Land Trust Network

cltnews.org

Community Land Trusts (CLTs) are community-based organizations that develop and steward permanently affordable housing. CLTs exist in cities and towns across the US and are particularly strong in progressive communities. As a homeowner, supporting or engaging with your local CLT is a meaningful way to be part of the solution to housing affordability.

LOCAL COMMUNITY CONNECTORS: TOOLS FOR FINDING YOUR PEOPL

Beyond national organizations with local chapters, these platforms and resources help progressive newcomers find community at the hyperlocal level.

Meetup.com

meetup.com

One of the most useful tools for finding local progressive groups. Search 'progressive,' 'liberal,' 'social justice,' 'environmental,' 'LGBTQ+,' or specific interests in your new city. Groups range from political organizing meetups to progressive hiking clubs to book groups reading contemporary social justice texts. Go to one event. That's usually enough.

Nextdoor

nextdoor.com

The neighborhood social network. Not explicitly progressive, but an invaluable tool for understanding the texture of your neighborhood, finding local mutual aid efforts, and connecting with the people who live nearest to you. What you find there will tell you a lot about your new community.

Mobilize

mobilize.us

The action network used by progressive campaigns and organizations to post volunteer opportunities. Search for events in your new city to find what's happening — phone banks, canvasses, town halls, organizing meetings. An excellent real-time window into what progressive organizations are active and mobilizing near you.

Action Network

actionnetwork.org

A platform used by progressive organizations across the country to manage events, petitions, and volunteer coordination. Many local progressive groups use Action Network — signing up with organizations you care about will surface local events in your area.

Your Local Democratic Party

democrats.org/localize

County and city Democratic Party organizations are often the center of progressive political organizing in a community. Quality and culture vary enormously by location, but most have regular meetings, committees, and volunteer opportunities. Finding your county party is a reliable entry point to the local progressive political ecosystem.

Your City or County's Volunteer Center

(search '[your city] volunteer center')

Most cities have a volunteer coordination organization — sometimes called a Volunteer Center, United We Serve hub, or similar. These connect residents to service opportunities across the full range of nonprofits and causes. A practical and immediate way to plug in, meet people, and begin to understand the community you've joined.

A Final Word

Finding your people after a move takes time. But it also takes showing up — once, to one thing, with an open mind. Every tight community that exists now was once a room full of strangers who found each other.

The organizations in this guide have been doing that work for years. They have infrastructure, they have events, and they have people already in your new city who are exactly who you're looking for. You just have to walk through the door.

Your Liberal Agent can help with the home. The rest — that's what these groups are for.

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