

# Kieryn Darkwater

*Empowering Communities to Create Change Through Organizing*

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## Professional Experience

### **Director of Outreach, Coalition for Responsible Home Education**

*June 2019 - Present*

Created an online environment to engage, organize, and retain remote volunteers. Managed a growing team of 5 core members.

- \* Creating projects and tasks tailored to volunteer interests
- \* Conducting regular check-ins and updates
- \* Providing one-on-one support as needed

### **Co-Host, Kitchen Table Cult Podcast**

*July 2018 - Present*

Created a weekly podcast about the organized religious right.

- Coordinated weekly remote recording sessions
- Managed digital communications and social media (twitter, email, instagram)
- Organized hybrid online/in person events & recording sessions

### **Laney Queers & Social Justice Center Student Organizer (18-19), Laney College**

*Aug 2018 - Sept 2019*

Founded the queer & Social Justice clubs and worked with administration and faculty to create institutional support for the LGBTQIA and undocumented communities on campus.

- Organized monthly events for the LGBTQIA & undocumented campus communities
- Grew memberships in both clubs
- Managed a team of volunteers to produce the first Peralta Queer Prom
- Facilitated educational events to advocate for undocumented students

### **Laney College ASLC Senate (Student Government), Laney College**

*May 2019 - Sept 2019*

Represented the student body of Laney college at Shared Governance meetings, decision making, and event coordinating on campus.

- Participated in Shared Governance meetings
- Advocated on behalf of the student body during ASLC meetings or Board of Trustee meetings
- Met with students and faculty to address concerns on campus
- Wrote regular updates about the ASLC meetings for the student body

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## Professional Experience

### **Organizer & Board Member, East Bay for Everyone**

*Sept 2016- Present*

Created educational resources and materials for members and the public, organized community events and panels, including creating and managing infrastructure for live streaming public events.

- Ran the Education and Not-Dudes Working Groups
- Wrote and distributed Press Releases
- Livestreamed and organized educational events
- Created educational for resource fairs
- Organized a ~200 person march in Concord to stop ICE (2017)
- Organized volunteers for City Council meetings and community events

### **Conference Organizer, YIMBYtown 2017**

*Jan - Jul 2017*

Organized a three-day international gathering of housing activists in Oakland, CA. Managed the press releases, social media, and oversaw communications while keeping track of conference logistics.

- Managed team of ~15 Volunteer Staff
- Welcomed 200+ attendees from all over the world
- YIMBYtown was featured in *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *Beyond Chron*, and local TV news stations

### **Tech Director, Founding Board Member, Coalition for Responsible Home Education**

*Mar 2013 - June 2019*

Oversaw the development and implementation of CRHE's online presence. Maintained communications system and provided IT support.

- Designed, launched, and maintained CRHE's website
- Set up the online infrastructure for receiving donations
- Designed social media materials for the annual fundraisers
- Interviewed with local, national, and international media outlets

## Relevant Specialties

Team Management and Organizing (Cat Herding); Written and Verbal Communication; Non-Profit Founding and Bureaucracy; Resource Development; Event Planning; Consulting; Graphic Design; Social Media; Live Streaming; Film Editing; WordPress; Front-End Web Development; Data Entry; IT Support and Training; MS Office, GSuite, and Adobe Creative Suite. Fluent in American Sign Language.