Right To Be is an industry leader in the movement to end harassment. Over the past year, we’ve seen incredible growth, with record-setting numbers of people trained in bystander intervention and strong cross-sector partnerships with allied organizations across the country. Right To Be advanced our movement building efforts through a book publication, new trainings, and leadership events - and we showed up at key moments for our communities.

Read on to see highlights from our work together last year!
HOLLABACK! IS RIGHT TO BE

In Spring 2022, Hollaback! changed its name to Right To Be, launching a new logo with a continued commitment to creating a world that’s free of harassment and filled with humanity. As shared by our Deputy Director Jorge Arteaga,

“Hollaback! was the call to speak up about their experience. And now we’re in a different phase. [With Right To Be,] everyone is invited to the movement. Come be yourself, whoever you are. Show up and take care of each other.”

IMPACT

32,000+ Stories of harassment received and mapped through Right To Be’s platform

1,442,820+ People trained in Right To Be’s 5D methodology to recognize, intervene in, and heal from harassment and violence

9,700+ Actions taken to combat digital abuse and mis/disinformation

BUILDING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING ACTION

Right To Be’s Next Chapter event brought together leaders and supporters over the organization’s 15+ year history. Hundreds of supporters joined Right To Be leadership and honored guests Paolo Montalban, Leyna Bloom, and NYC leaders to celebrate the organization’s work to end harassment, and commit to building a future where everyone has the right to be in public space.
This year, Right To Be conducted our largest bystander intervention evaluation project to date. We worked with expert research team Germain Impact Solutions to show the impacts of Right To Be’s programming.

Germain Impact Solutions profiled all participants over the past year to determine if our digital trainings led to real-world actions. The results were powerful - over 67% of people who took a Right To Be training used bystander intervention in their daily lives within one year.

““It was important to hear that even though you might not be physically the person involved, just being around it makes you part of it – inaction can actually be part of the problem. Your instinct is to mind your own business, [but] it is important to show up.”

-Research participant
MOVEMENT ALLYSHIP

In moments of crisis, the Right To Be team quickly developed and delivered trainings to impacted communities, including new trainings in partnership with:

Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC advances the civil and human rights of Asian Americans, building and promoting a fair and equitable society for all. In 2020, Right To Be began our work with Advancing Justice | AAJC to deliver Bystander Intervention to Stop Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic Harassment trainings. We’ve grown to offer new trainings in multiple languages: Bystander Intervention 2.0 - Conflict De-escalation, and How to Respond to Harassment for People Experiencing Anti-Asian/American Harassment.

T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights brings the Torah’s ideals of human dignity, equality, and justice to life by empowering rabbis and cantors to be moral voices and to lead Jewish communities in advancing democracy and human rights for all people in the United States, Canada, Israel, and the occupied Palestinian territories. This year, Right To Be and T’ruah created Bystander Intervention to Stop Antisemitic Harassment training.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is the nation’s largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy group. They work to attain equal opportunity for - and normalize the image of - Muslims in America through defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance. In 2022, Right To Be partnered with CAIR-Chicago to develop Bystander Intervention to Stop Islamophobic and Xenophobic Harassment training.

The Sibling Leadership Network (SLN) is a national nonprofit dedicated to supporting and advocating for the rights of people with disabilities, by providing siblings of individuals with disabilities the information, support, and tools to advocate with their brothers and sisters and to promote the issues important to them and their entire families. Right To Be and the Sibling Leadership Network collaborated to create our new Bystander Intervention to Support the Disability Community in Public Spaces training.
Eye to Eye is a movement by and for people who learn differently. Their mission is to improve the educational experience and outcomes of every student who learns differently, including those with specific learning disabilities (LD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), or other similar challenges related to learning. Right To Be and Eye to Eye built a series of Bystander Intervention to Stop Stigma Around Learning Differences trainings, scaling our work to workplaces and schools nationwide.

The National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) advocates to change policies and society to increase understanding and acceptance of transgender people. In the nation’s capital and throughout the country, NCTE works to replace disrespect, discrimination, and violence with empathy, opportunity, and justice. In 2022, Right To Be created a bystander resource alongside NCTE and Uber to tackle transphobic hate.

SafeTour is working to create a safe, equitable and inclusive workspace for all members of the music touring community, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or other bias. The SafeTour mission is guided by a coalition of experts in the fields of entertainment, touring, wellness, equity and anti-harassment. Right To Be is working in partnership with SafeTour to address harassment in the music industry.

In addition to our trainings with leading partners across the country, Right To Be launched expanded trainings on:
- Bystander Intervention to Stop Police Sponsored Violence and Anti-Black Racist Harassment
- How to be an Ally When You Witness Online Abuse with PEN America
- Bystander Intervention to Support Latinx Communities in Public Spaces
- How to Lead Discussions about Racism
- Bystander Intervention to Stop Harassment Towards the LGBTQIA+ Community
I’VE GOT YOUR BACK!


WHERE WE’RE GOING IN 2023

With rising violence on and offline, Right To Be’s anti-violence programs are growing. We’re working to meet this moment - delivering trainings, resources, and partnerships to help people show up for one another. That includes new initiatives like:

- Responsive bystander intervention trainings when they’re most needed, equipping community members with the skills to recognize, respond to, and heal from harassment
- Bystander Intervention in middle and high schools, addressing bias and harassment at a formative age
- An updated story sharing platform to share your stories of harassment and offer support
- A nationwide ally network to quickly and collectively organize, come together, and stand against all forms of violence

Right To Be’s impact wouldn’t be possible without supporters like you – you’re at the center of our work, powering every training, connection, and community response. Together, we’ve got this.

From new public trainings to actions in your city, we’re working with our communities not just to challenge hate, but to end it. This is your call to power, to build a world free of harassment in 2023.

Let’s get started.