



TheRadicalAgeMovement

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RALLY PLANNING TEAM

We are proud to once again announce that TheRadicalAgeMovement will be the lead sponsor of this year's **Rally for Age Justice: Invest in Economic Security for Older Adults**.

TheRadicalAgeMovement has been heavily focused on the issue of age discrimination in the workforce over the past year and a half. Of all the different ways ageism rears its ugly head in our communities, based on the comments of our members and social media followers, this issue is not only having a direct impact on its victims, it is destined to have a huge impact on our entire society.

Longevity has arrived, and yet there are scarce indications that the institutions of our country, including our government, have taken notice. Not only are we living longer, a huge percentage of us are also staying healthy longer.

Social Security and Medicare are two programs that are inadequate for the needs of today's older adults and need to be expanded. When we combine this with the fact that the workforce has virtually turned its back on people BEGINNING AT AGE 50, we are looking at an upcoming generation that may be the poorest elderly demographic since before Social Security was put in place. As we have heard so many times when people voice their feelings about ageing, a big fear is "running out of money before I run out of life".

When the corporations, institutes, and government wake up they will notice that many of us no longer consider 65 as "the age of retirement", not when we are more likely destined to live to be 90 or 100. Many of us are not ready to walk away from jobs or careers at 65 when we are still vital participants in the workplace, while contributing to society. And, yet, so many of just cannot afford to stop working. Who among us is prepared to be retired from our jobs for 30 or 40 years. We need to speak up!

In line with our focus on age discrimination in the workforce, this year's Rally for Age Justice, to take place in NYC on May 23rd, will spotlight *Age Justice: Invest in Financial Security for Older Adults*. Our rally planning committee is busy reaching out to prominent speakers in the field. The celebrities of the rally, however, will be those of you who want to share your own personal stories of being discriminated against in the workplace because you were perceived to be too old to be productive. At RadicalAge, we believe that people should be judged by their abilities, not by their age. Further down on this Rally Resource Page, you will find a way to share your story with us. Even if you cannot attend the Rally, we encourage you to share your story.

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