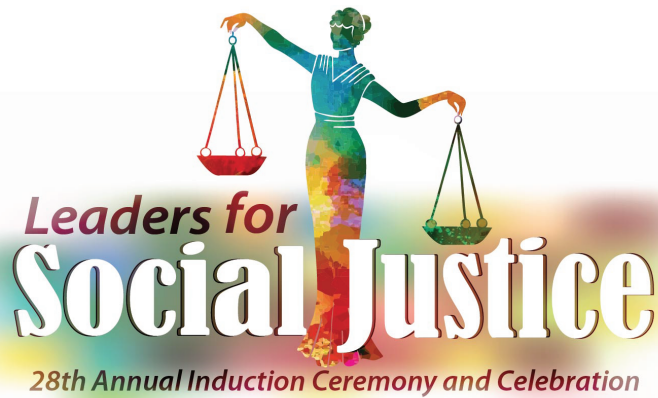




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Callie Gale Heilmann is the founder, President, and Co-Director of Bridgeport Generation Now, a grass-roots member-based organization that strengthens civic engagement in Bridgeport residents and our communities. Key to that work is using the tools of community organizing to dismantle systemic corruption and racism in Bridgeport, so that residents can collectively build the just, democratic, equitable, and livable city we know is possible. Callie is deeply passionate about community, cities, art, feminism, design, anti-racism, healing, entrepreneurship, and education.

A graduate of Tulane University (2004) with degrees in Women's Studies and Art History, Callie first pursued a Master's of Arts at New York University (2008) in Visual Culture, applying a feminist and anti-racist lens to analyze representations of women's bodies during the rise of fashion magazines in the mid-20th Century. Callie also holds a Master's in Education from Hunter College (2012), City University of New York. Her research there focused on children's relationship to and understanding of violence, and how that shows up in the urban classroom.

Callie has taught elementary school and is a partner in the urban goods brand and retail store, Hartford Prints! which she started in 2012 with her sisters in her home city of Hartford, CT. She also serves on the advisory boards of PT Partners and the Smilow-Burroughs Wakeman Boys & Girls Club. Callie is also trained as a birth doula, and currently helps friends and loved ones with holistic childbirth education.

Callie has lived in Bridgeport, CT for eight years with her partner Niels, and her three sons, Quincy, Levon, and Bruno. She believes deeply in the power of people to move the places that matter to them toward positive social change.