

# Jamie Arangure



## PROYECTO TRANS LATINA

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Throughout San Diego County, LGBTQ and gender nonconforming immigrants know they have a champion in Jamie Arangure. Since co-founding Proyecto Trans Latina in 2018, Arangure's tireless dedication has built a community-driven, grassroots movement to protect the wellbeing and rights of Trans Latina immigrants on both sides of the border. Her visionary leadership and organizing prowess have transformed the landscape of Trans Latina advocacy in our region, an achievement undertaken with few financial resources, but an immeasurable amount of determination and passion for community.

Arangure's deep understanding of social justice work underpins her drive to develop the leadership skills of other Trans Latina immigrants and position them for greatest impact. In a few short years, she has stewarded Proyecto Trans Latina into a federally recognized nonprofit organization with a 50-person membership base which is activated to take on a variety of leadership roles. She engages members and the broader trans Latina immigrant community in wide ranging advocacy and education efforts. Crucially, Arangure cultivates agency in a community frequently subject to legal barriers, discrimination, and threats to their health and wellbeing. Her work improves the lives of all LGBTQ people in San Diego, but especially impacts the lives of Trans Latina immigrants through such initiatives as an HIV Prevention and Outreach Program and an annual Trans Latinx convening delving into emerging issues for LGBTQ migrants on both sides of the border. She also spearheads a Trans Visibility Day event every March to honor and raise awareness of the trans people that have been victims of violence, hatred, and transphobia.

Reflecting her clarity of vision, Arangure prioritizes collaboration and solidarity with organizations working with other oppressed communities. She approaches social justice work with an eye toward building community and an in-it-for-the-long-haul approach. When considered in tandem with her passion for the work and compassion for others, it's clear Arangure will continue to be a formidable advocate for the Trans Latina immigrant community for many years to come.

