

Youspeak Radio Episode 4 – [subtitle] – With Karina Samala Audio transcript

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Gabriel DuBransky (00:00):

This is-

Group (00:01):

Youspeak Radio.

Gabriel DuBransky (00:03):

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Téa Wagstaff (00:15):

Hi, my name is Téa Wagstaff. I'm a high school junior, and on June 17th, 2021, I interviewed Bamby Salcedo of the TransLatin@ Coalition. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our interview was through a video call, but that didn't make it any less emotional and powerful.

Bamby Salcedo (00:34):

Society will help us transform those institutions that have marginalized our people for many years. If we understand our power and if we walk our path with dignity and love and appreciation for everything that exists in this world, then we are going to transform the world, so do whatever you can do transform the world.

Téa Wagstaff (01:03):

I found it difficult to keep myself from crying as she spoke. You can hear it in every word, how much she loves her community. As a trans kid with very few trans adults in my life to look up to, I left the interview feeling incredibly loved and asking myself what more I can do to care for and uplift the voices of those around me. So here it is, my interview with Bamby Salcedo.

Bamby Salcedo (01:44):

Téa, first, let me just say thank you so much and express my gratitude and my honor to be here with you and sharing space with you. My name is Bamby Salcedo and I do have the privilege to be part of an amazing organization that is called the TransLatin @ Coalition. So, thank you again so much for your willingness and for the invitation to have this conversation with me. Thank you.

Téa Wagstaff (02:16):

Thank you for being here. So for a lot of your work with the TransLatin@ Coalition, a lot of it's about advocating for your community. I wanted to know, what has this work taught you about how to care for and strengthen your community?

Bamby Salcedo (02:38):