

**Kate Fellman–Founder / Executive Director, You Can Vote**



Kate launched You Can Vote (YCV) in 2014, following the US Supreme Court decision in *Shelby v. Holder* that rolled back key protections in the Voting Rights Act. YCV is a permanent educational campaign that provides localized, fact-based voting information, mobilizes volunteers to empower voters, and builds community leadership. Since 2014, YCV has educated and empowered over 1 million voters across the state of North Carolina and has grown exponentially to serve 64 counties (and counting!).

Prior to founding YCV, Kate worked in community organizing and electoral politics for over 10 years. Born and raised in Minnesota, she began her political work as an intern in the late Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone's 2002 campaign. Kate then moved to NC, where she began working in community organizing in 2008. Kate holds a B.A. in Communications and Social Science from Metropolitan State University and lives in Durham with her family.