



“Power Up” Forum & Reception



Top Picture: Moderator, Dr. Nika White, leads discussion question for panelists to engage; Bottom Picture: Reception that followed the Forum

Event: On Monday, March 21, 2022, Community Relations Consultant, Ms. Ayana Crawford, attended the Women’s Rights and Empowerment Network’s (W.R.E.N.) Power Up Forum & Reception.

Background: The topic was “Power Up: Igniting a Resilient, Gender-Equitable Workforce for South Carolina.” The event was held at the Columbia Museum of Art from 3 pm to 7 pm.

The event was very informative and provided research-based statistics on women in the workforce including SC stats compared to national stats, how the economy was thriving before and after the pandemic, which industries were affected by the pandemic, which age group, and race were affected by the pandemic, etc. The panel discussion revealed challenges within specific industries and how SC plays a role in employing and retaining women in the workforce.

- For more information on WREN, please visit www.scwren.org
- For more information on the research presented, go to <https://www.scwren.org/powerup/>