

Made By Us Partners with Pizza to the Polls to Hold "Slice of History" Pizza Parties Nationwide for the Third Annual Civic Season

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Made By Us, a coalition of historic sites and museums dedicated to informing and empowering younger generations, is teaming up with Pizza to the Polls, a renowned organization bringing pizza to voters and poll workers at election sites, to host "Slice of History" Pizza Party Meet-Ups for Gen Z-ers nationwide.

The "Slice of History" events kick off the start of Civic Season, a new tradition started by Made By Us to use the time period between Juneteenth and July 4th to grow as citizens by exploring history and civics. History museums and community organizations are invited to combine educational or social programming – like film screenings, picnics, workshops and trivia nights – with delicious pizza, boosting local connections and community engagement. KIND will also provide KIND bars as part of their mission to build a kinder world. This year's partnership builds on a pilot from 2022, where Pizza to the Polls provided fresh slices to guests at the Atlanta History Center Civic Season Kickoff event, and lays the groundwork for future collaboration to "feed" civic engagement as the nation prepares to celebrate 250 years in 2026.

"Many moments in our country's history have been imagined, debated and brought to life over food and shared meals," said Caroline Klibanoff, Executive Director at Made By Us. "We are thrilled to join forces with Pizza to the Polls to kick off Civic Season. Their work shows that civic participation comes in many forms, and it takes all of us to sustain a thriving democracy."

"Civic Season is for everyone, but especially designed with and for young adults, who are our nation's future inheritors," said Nia Mosby, Program Manager at Made By Us. "With Slice of History meet-ups, we are hearkening back to Gen Z's elementary school pizza party days, and meeting the need for nostalgia, socializing and fun as summer begins."

Since launching in 2016, Pizza to the Polls has delivered over 85,000 pizzas to more than 4,000 polling sites across 49 states, making the voting process more enjoyable and inclusive for all. By collaborating with Made By Us, Pizza to the Polls aims to further its mission of increasing civic

engagement during election seasons, while adding a year-round educational aspect to their outreach efforts.

"Partnering with Made By Us is an exciting opportunity for us to expand our impact and engage with communities on a deeper level," said Amirah Noaman, Executive Director at Pizza to the Polls. "Through 'Slice of History' pizza parties, we can not only satisfy people's hunger but also nourish their curiosity about the rich history of our democracy. By joining forces, we hope to inspire a new generation of active citizens who are passionate about shaping the future."

Most "Slice of History" pizza parties will take place during the first weekend of Civic Season, on June 17.

These events include:

- <u>Slice of History: Local History Game Night!</u> hosted by Filson Historical Society and Liberty Hall Louisville, KY (held on June 1)
- <u>Slice of History</u> hosted by Visit Galveston, the Rosenberg Library and University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center – Galveston, TX
- A Slice of History with Kylie McCormick hosted by Wyoming State Museum Cheyenne,
 WY
- <u>Slice of History After Hours</u> hosted by National Center for Civil and Human Rights Atlanta, GA
- Slice of History: Women Like Ike hosted by the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site Denison, TX
- <u>Slice of History: Civic Season Community Trivia</u> hosted by the Roper Center for Public Opinion and America's Voice Project – Ithaca, NY
- Slice of History: "The Story of You" Workshop, hosted by the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History for U.S. Congressional interns – Washington, DC
- <u>Slice of History: Pizza and Walking Tour</u> hosted by Harriet Beecher Stowe House (held on June 27) – Cincinnati, OH

Interested participants are encouraged to visit <u>TheCivicSeason.com</u> to discover 1,000 activities and events, and to follow @historymadebyus and @pizzatothepolls on social media for updates.

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