

Arvia Walker, MSW is a Black Political Operative, Visual Storyteller, and artist that works to amplify the voices and stories of communities of color. Using the intersection of art and political organizing, she seeks to create a platform that will activate and mobilize people to action through the power of storytelling. She currently works as the Public Policy and Strategic Engagement Specialist at Planned Parenthood of Southern New England where she organizes around issues that live at the intersections of race and reproductive health and rights.

Arvia believes in the power of Black women and girls and is dedicated to centering them in order to build political power to shift the current material conditions of black and brown communities across the country. She is also a visual storyteller that is working to live up to the legacy of many black photographers before her that centered the experiences of marginalized communities across the globe. This is why she started her company, Zora: The Coming of the Sun in 2016. Zora is a company that centers storytelling as an act of activism and healing.

Through Zora, she is a documentary photographer and healing jewelry designer. She received her Master's in Social Work with a concentration in Community Organization from the University of Connecticut.