

Get ready for a politically themed fashion show

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Show how much you give a damn before you head out to caucus.

The Des Moines Register and Des Moines Social Club are throwing a party — “It’s a Damn Pre-Caucus Party” — to get voters excited about civic engagement and their role in the political process.

The highlight of the party is a politically themed fashion show, where you can expect to see Jackie Kennedy-inspired looks and Teddy Roosevelt menswear looks on the runway, while Jeff Eaton deejays.

Also look for entertainment, beer and food, a photo booth, interactive art and more. Designers taking part in the show include Dornink, b.vander, Atomic Garage and RAYGUN.

The free event is the culmination of the “Give a Damn, Des Moines” [series](#) that kicked off last September and has included two mock caucuses and a discussion with the state’s Republican and Democratic party chairs, among other events.

The goal of the series has been to get voters — especially younger voters, who are underrepresented at the polls — engaged with the election. The series is funded through a grant from the Knight Foundation, which last year [awarded](#) grants nationwide in the hopes of spurring civic engagement.

Our events have attracted hundreds of participants, and volunteers from the Metro Des Moines League of Women Voters have been there to register new voters and help others change their addresses.

We’ve been thrilled by the success of the series, but real success will be shown if people who weren’t planning to caucus or weren’t sure decide to come out on Feb. 1.

Now is the time to give a damn. Won’t you join us before you caucus?

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