



Office of Child
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Public Library



AGENDA

- 10:00** **Breakfast & Opening**
 - 10:40** **Transition**
 - 10:50** **Breakout Sessions (A)**
 - 11:35** **Lunch/Break**
 - 12:45** **Breakout Sessions (B)**
 - 1:30** **Break**
 - 2:25** **Breakout Sessions (C)**
 - 3:10** **Transition**
 - 3:20** **Closing**
 - 3:45** **Safe Travels!**
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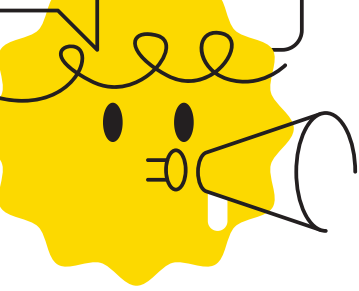


San Diego
Creative Youth
Development Network



OUR TIME TO **ACT**

SD PromiseZone



BREAKOUT SESSION A

10:50- 11:35 AM

CHOOSE THE SESSION THAT MOST INTERESTS YOU!



Chicano Federation of San Diego County
Jesus Martin Gallegos-Muñoz
Youth Empowerment: Theories of Change and Storytelling

Effective organizing requires a clear self-description and self-assessment of how and why change is desired and expected. Participants will build self-awareness through an assessment of their personal values and by tapping into community for positive changemaking.

Meeting Room 2

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BLAC - Black Leadership Alliance Coalition
TJ Harris
From Identity to Income: Building Confident Leaders and Earners for Community Impact

Learn how to overcome self-doubt, build confidence, and develop leadership and professional skills for future success.

Meeting Room 3



San Diego 350, Youth4Climate
Diego Sandoval, Nayeli Corrales
Climate Justice & Advocacy 101

This session provides an overview of the climate crisis – who is most affected and responsible? What is environmental racism and examples of local frontline communities? How are different neighborhoods affected? What are tangible ways young people can take action and be involved in climate advocacy?

Auditorium A



Reality Changers
Ron Dyste
My Voice, My Power: Youth Identity & Community Impact

High school students will participate in an interactive activity to help them: explore their identify and lived experiences; understand youth empowerment and voice; and reflect on opportunities for work, leadership, and community engagement.

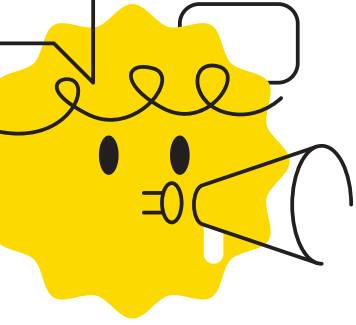
Patio Tent A



United Way of SD County
Alyssa Abellar
Envisioning Your Future: Using Art to Start Seeing Your Path Forward

Participants will create a vision board to help ground them in a future they see for themselves, including work, career, education, personal and/or social aspirations!

Grass Tent 2



BREAKOUT SESSION B

12:45 - 1:30 PM



Mid-City CAN

Paloma Cuautenango, Denisse Lopez, Karina Zavala, Gabrielle Gist
Advocacy in City Heights

A panel featuring Mid-City CAN youth members from each momentum group speaking about advocacy efforts in City Heights. Topics range from park equity and transportation to juvenile justice.

Meeting Room 2



The LGBTQ+ Community Center

Kate Hyatt, Jamie Hau-Riege, Jose Tinoco
Queer History in Activism: The road so far

Join us in an exploration of queer activism and what lessons we take and use in our current times.

Meeting Room 3



Youth Will

Carmen Penaloza Valdez, CJ Mendoza, Somaya Fazel
Combating Adulthood & Building Solidarity

This session tackles adulthood head-on, exploring how young people can effectively navigate and disrupt adult-centered spaces.

Auditorium A



DETOUR Empowers (FANCY)

Kimberly Lara

Leading With Love: Becoming the Leader You Need

A safe and empowering space where girls explore what it means to love themselves and lead with confidence. Through movement, conversation, and a creative activity, participants will reflect on their strengths, build self-awareness, and step into the kind of leader they want to become.

Grass Tent 2



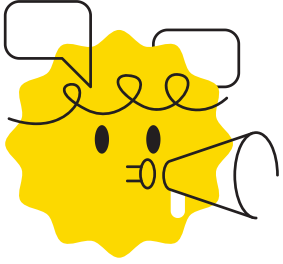
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Tara Ryan

Resume Building & Interview Prep

Be prepared to apply for and interview for jobs and internships! Participants will learn tips and resources for creating and updating resumes as well as practice interview skills.

Patio Tent B



BREAKOUT SESSION C

2:25PM - 3:10PM



San Ysidro Teen Health Clinic
Sarah Vaughan, Mireya Rodriguez

Respectful Connections: A young adult's guide to consent, boundaries and relationship safety

Learn about consent, boundaries, and the basics of healthy relationships, and how to have tough conversations with partners and friends.

Meeting Room 2



Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
Kelly Jenkins-Pultz

Equal Pay: What You Need to Know for Your Future

Explore the causes of pay inequity, strategies that support economic success, and discuss how young people can advocate for equal pay and workplace justice for all.

Meeting Room 3



San Diego Youth Commissioners
Vinayak Venugopol, Melanie Yau, Layla Al-Khafaji
Your City, Your Voice

What is civic engagement? How can you make your voice heard in local government? What is the Youth Commission and how can you get involved?

Auditorium A



OCYS Interns & Alumni
Tessa Garrison, Aera Isabelle Palaganas, Ruth Pineda, Tya Valentine
Peer to Peer: What to Expect After High School & Beyond

Join a peer-led discussion about what to expect in college, careers, work, and the transitions of young adulthood.

Grass Tent 1



Our Time to Act
Nicole Lillie
The Path to Housing Justice: The Lineage of the Modern Housing Crisis in San Diego and the United States

This session will examine how past policies continue to impact communities today and introduce solutions that can help create greater housing justice and equity for the future.

Grass Tent 2



UNICEF USA
Radha Dahanukar
Big Thinking, Bold Impact: A Youth Leader Guide to Impact Statements

Learn how you can evaluate laws, school policies, and budgets through the lens of children's health, education, and well-being.

Patio Tent B

ART

activities



BLUEPRINT:

REFLECTIONS IN CYANOTYPE

Create a visual blueprint for your future using cyanotype. Through reflection and creative expression, explore clarity, growth, and the emotional landscape of your goals.

@ PATIO TENT C

DEAR ME: A HYPELETTER TO MYSELF

In this reflective and creative workshop, youth write a private "hype letter" to themselves, as if they are speaking to a close friend for encouragement, clarity, or a reminder of their worth.

@ PATIO TENT D

WAVES OF YOUTH VOICE PODCAST/INTERVIEW

Participate in individual or group interviews and share reflections from the Summit as well as overall discussion of lived experience as youth in San Diego.

@ PATIO TENT B


YOUTH UNBOUND COMMUNITY SUPPORT & RECIPROCALITY

On two large canvasses, youth will reflect and add to a collaborative mind map, connecting words, images, and symbols. Together, participants explore how community is both giving and receiving.

@ GRASS TENT 1



MOVEMENT TAKES COMMUNITY MOVEMENT/THEATER



Engage in improvisation, call & response, and group (tableau) ensemble exercises to build community and learn more about each other.

@ PATIO TENT E

Lunch & Breaktime activities

LIVE MUSIC FROM
SONGS 4 SMILES

AUDITORIUM



FREE
HEADSHOTS!

LOCATED IN THE
AUDITORIUM



SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING
MATHEMATICS



DATA SAFETY
WORKSHOP

DATA
SCIENCE
ALLIANCE

Stick around for a chance to

win

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING!



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META GLASSES



LAPTOPS



MUST BE PRESENT TO CLAIM PRIZE!





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Community Resources

- County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services
- Soluna
- San Ysidro Teen Health Clinic
- Family Health Centers of SD
- San Diego American Indian Health Center
- Rainbow Spaces
- TransFamily Support Services
- Access 2 Jobs
- SD Job Corps
- Hope Through Housing Foundation
- Center for Community Solutions
- Mid-City CAN
- Youth Advocacy Coalition
- Chicano Federation
- International Rescue Committee

- CA Freedom Summer
- Reality Changers
- San Diego College of Continuing Education
- San Diego City College
- San Diego Mesa College
- San Diego Miramar College
- Learn4Life High Schools
- Data Science Alliance
- The League of Amazing Programmers
- Outside the Lens
- Kitchens for Good
- Fleet Science Center
- City of SD Parks & Recreation
- Songs 4 Smiles
- San Diego Public Library

June 3, 2026
War Memorial Building
Balboa Park, San Diego