

12th ANNUAL YOUTH & PEACE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept, 22, 2023 **Location:** Pima Community College West Campus

Annual Youth and Peace Conference
Tucson, AZ



History, Goals & Structure of Tucson’s Annual Youth & Peace Conference

Tucson’s Annual Youth & Peace Conference (YPC) started in 2011 as a collaborative, community-based, peacebuilding, youth leadership and violence prevention project. YPC goals include educating and empowering youth to make healthy life choices and gain effective tools to become leaders, practice nonviolence, build peace, and strengthen social justice in Tucson and other Southern Arizona communities. The Youth & Peace Conference prioritizes youth leadership in planning and presenting this annual event. **In response to a powerful mission statement created by the 2020 YPC Youth Team, we have expanded the annual conference into a year-long peace leadership training program called *Tucson Youth and Peace*, for youth and young adults ages 12-24.**

12 TH ANNUAL YOUTH & PEACE CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAMS	
Youth Leadership Team	Adult Logistics Team
Decides on theme & title for conference.	Values & respects leadership of Youth Team.
Selects workshops and plans other activities to highlight conference theme.	Handles logistics for the conference (e.g., venue, contracts, website, finances; registration; resource fair).
Organizes & facilitates Opening & Closing Ceremonies at the conference.	Responsible for fundraising & financial management; plans fundraisers as needed.
Assists with outreach to schools & other youth-serving organizations.	Organizes communication & outreach (e.g., email correspondence, website, social media, flyers).
Youth Leadership Team Co-Coordinators: Gene Martinez (genemartinez.tpc@gmail.com ; 520-808-3315); Andrea Martinez (marti137@seattleu.edu ; 520-867-2679)	2023 YPC Adult Logistics Team Co-Chairs: Vana Dee Lewis (lovemycityworthy@gmail.com ; 520-993-9390); Ann Yellott (azvellott@gmail.com ; 520-991-6781)

DEVELOPMENTS for 2023 YOUTH & PEACE CONFERENCE (YPC)

- The 2023 Youth Leadership Team has decided on the title for the 2023 YPC: ***Empathy: The Key to Humanizing & Uniting Our Communities***. They are in the process of creating a mission statement for this year’s conference.
- The Youth Leadership Team & Adult Logistics Team meet virtually on Zoom, with one or two in-person meetings, as needed and possible. To join these planning teams, contact the Youth Team Co-Coordinators or Adult Team Co-Chairs (see above for contact info).
- For more information about the 12th Annual Youth & Peace Conference, please see our website: www.youthandpeace.org.

