

11th ANNUAL YOUTH & PEACE CONFERENCE

Projected Date: A Friday in the Fall of 2022

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.**

11 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).
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 Coordinator: Gene Martinez (genemartinez.tpc@gmail.com ; 520-987-3985); Youth Team Intern Elayna Mack (elaynarmack@gmail.com)	Tucson Youth and Peace/Youth and Peace Conference Coordinators: Ann Yellott (azyellott@gmail.com ; 520-991-6781) & Vana Dee Lewis (lovemycityworthy@gmail.com ; 520-993-9390). Adult Team Youth Intern Mazalina Marshall (mazalina93@gmail.com)

NEW DEVELOPMENTS for 2022 YOUTH AND PEACE CONFERENCE (YPC)

- As we deal with the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, we are hopeful that we can once again hold an in-person conference at Pima Community College West Campus, including COVID safeguards.
- Tucson Youth and Peace (TYP) is consulting with school districts and charter schools to select the best Friday in the fall to hold our annual conference.
- The Youth & Adult Planning Teams will continue to meet virtually, with perhaps one or two in-person meetings, depending on safety precautions needed.
- For more information about the 2021 and 2022 conferences and monthly TYP activities during 2022, please see our website: www.youthandpeace.org; Instagram page: @TucsonYouthandPeace; Facebook page: Facebook.com/youthandpeace.



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