



## Call for Workshops for 2020 Youth & Peace Conference

Greetings,

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth & Peace Conference is scheduled to take place **Friday, September 25, 2020 from 8:30am-12:30pm via ZOOM**. The general focus for this year's conference is gender-based violence, and the title for this year's conference is **"Cultivating Safer Communities by Centering Women of Color."**

The Youth & Peace Conference (YPC) prioritizes youth leadership, with a Youth Leadership Team taking responsibility for choosing the title and theme for each year's event and selecting workshops, speakers, performers, dialogue circles and other activities to highlight that theme. Youth Team members have expressed their interest in focusing on uplifting the voices of marginalized women, including Black/African American, Latinx, Indigenous, and Trans women, emphasizing how, if these communities are safe, our community as a whole is safer for everyone.

The 2020 YPC Youth Leadership Team is seeking **1-hour workshop proposals**, which support the Team's goals for this year's conference:

- ❖ Educate and inspire the community, survivors and allies to end gender-based violence by providing a foundation for concrete change through school programs and community activities.
- ❖ Connect attendees to resources, support, and advocacy opportunities.
- ❖ Create a culturally inclusive, informative and empowering safe space.
- ❖ Empower youth to recognize and address abuse within personal, familial and societal relationships.
- ❖ Engage men and boys as important allies in stopping abuse and building healthy communities.

We are seeking one-hour workshops to educate youth about the following issues and strategies:

### 1) Identifying and Resisting Root Causes of Violence

- Resisting toxic masculinity/building healthy masculinity
- Identifying signs of domestic abuse
- Engaging men and boys in resistance
- Consent vs coercion
- How to be an ally/bystander/upstander
- Power and control

### 2) Violence Impacting Marginalized Communities

- Gender and race intersections--impact of gender and race
- How people of different races/ethnicities/other identity factors experience gender-based violence
- LGBTQ communities and violence
- Immigrant communities and violence
- Missing and murdered indigenous women and girls (MMIWG)
- How community response and services are delivered differently to different groups

### 3) The Role of Media in Community Conflicts and Violence

- Fact-checking on social media
- Role of television/media in creating and perpetuating harmful stereotypes
- Dissecting how ethnic groups are represented in media
- Gender portrayal and stereotypes in media

- Calling in vs calling out -- correcting behavior or sharing information in an empathetic way

#### 4) Healing from Violence and Building Healthy Social Environments

- Supporting and listening to survivors
- Finding strength and empowerment within cultural identities
- Methods of coping with gender-based violence
- Building resilience
- Humor, art, and poetry--healing through artistic expression

During our selection process, the Youth Leadership Team, along with the 2020 YPC Workshop Committee, will prioritize workshops that are participatory and focus on supporting the voices and lived experiences of their youth participants. Since the workshops will be offered digitally, some activities such as small-group discussions will not be possible. Some examples of digital learning-friendly participatory activities include polls, word clouds, quizzes, etc. The workshop committee will be happy to assist you in incorporating these activities into your workshops, and in finding websites and other resources that can be used for this purpose such as Menti or Kahoot.

Because this conference will be held over Zoom, we are looking specifically for workshops that utilize the platform in participatory, engaging, and innovative ways. We are aware that many potential presenters may not currently have experience with Zoom or with converting their workshops to a digital format. The workshop committee is committed to providing technical assistance in helping you plan how to make the most of your digital workshop. Technical support will also be provided by trained volunteers during the conference itself.

In order to minimize technical issues on the day of the conference, **all workshop presenters must commit to an individual meeting with the tech team within the two weeks leading up to the conference.** During this meeting, the tech team will ensure that your audio, video, and other technology is working properly. **Due to the online format, and crucial need to rehearse to minimize potential technical problems, only presenters who are able to participate in the rehearsal/practice sessions will be included in the final conference lineup.**

If you are interested in conducting an hour-long workshop at the 2020 YPC, please visit <https://forms.gle/J2mSfNDbolmfNm7PA> to complete the Workshop Presenter Registration form that will be active by Monday, July 20. The form asks for a title and description of your workshop, along with a brief bio sketch for the presenter(s).

Please submit your workshop proposal by **Friday, August 7th.** We will inform you of our decision by August 12. Thank you for your interest in making this conference meaningful, safe and successful. For any questions, contact 2020 YPC Workshop Committee chair Beau Finan ([Beau.Finan@gmail.com](mailto:Beau.Finan@gmail.com)).

And if you know of other organizations or individuals who you believe would be a good fit for the gender-based violence focus of this conference, please share this Call for Workshops with them.

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