



ASPEN FORUM FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS
OPPORTUNITY YOUTH FORUM
CROSS-SITE CONVENING AGENDA
OCTOBER 8-10, 2018
ASPEN MEADOWS RESORT, ASPEN CO

Convening Goals:

- *Identifying Complex Challenges and Lifting up Innovative Solutions:* Learn from the Opportunity Youth Forum (OYF) sites' work across the five areas of the OYF: Collaborating for Impact, Building Effective Pathways, Using Data to Guide Decisions and Assess Impact, Leveraging Funding for Innovation, and Developing Supportive Policies.
- *Critical Themes:* Through plenaries and sessions, highlight themes that are important to the work of OYF and the field and connect them to community-based solutions: equity and justice; transformative power of collaboration; community-based strategies for addressing trauma, including healing-centered frameworks; narrative change and cultural strategy; and organizing for political power.
- *Revisiting Our Values:* Ground learnings in the foundational values of OYF: community and constituent focus, equity, justice, collaboration, respect, love, accountable impact, and learning together.
- *Youth Leadership:* Highlight the work of local and national youth leaders with an emphasis on multigenerational organizing.
- *Employer Engagement:* Facilitate learning exchanges and sharing of effective approaches between and among community leaders, employers, and national convening audience.
- *Funder Engagement:* Engage local, regional and national philanthropy in the collective impact approach.
- *Movement-Building:* In this moment of resistance, continue to build momentum for local and national system change efforts with youth leadership and expertise at the center, and continue to deepen our alignment and solidarity with other local and national equity- and justice-based movements.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

3:00 – 7:00 PM

STRANAHAN ROOM
KOCH SEMINAR BUILDING

CALIFORNIA OPPORTUNITY YOUTH NETWORK (COYN) MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to convene the California Opportunity Youth Network sites to further develop and deepen their community of practice.

Jermaine Brubaker, California Opportunity Youth Network (Facilitator)

4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOBBY
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

REGISTRATION FOR ALL GUESTS

6:30 – 8:00 PM

PLATO'S RESTAURANT
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

INFORMAL/DROP-IN DINNER FOR EARLY/INTERESTED GUESTS

8:00 – 9:00 PM

LIMESLICERS LOUNGE
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

OYF SITE LEADS OPTIONAL NETWORKING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

8:00 – 9:00 AM

DAVIS COMMONS
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

BREAKFAST FOR OYF YOUTH LEADERS AND OPPORTUNITY YOUTH MOVEMENT LEADERSHIP MEETING PARTICIPANTS

8:00 – 12:00 PM

OYF YOUTH LEADERS OPTIONAL TEAM BUILDING HIKE

(Meet in the Lobby of the Walter Isaacson Center)

The hike will provide youth leaders with an opportunity to explore the outdoors and the natural environment of Aspen, Colorado, while participating in activities that focus on civic engagement, community-building, and leadership development. The hike will be youth-led and facilitated by participants of Fresh Tracks, a partnership project with the Center for Native American Youth and My Brother's Keeper Alliance that builds on President Obama's legacy. While the hike is youth-focused, we encourage adult partners to join us on the trail!

Please note that we will be meeting in the lobby of the Walter Isaacson Center for breakfast at 8:00 AM and departing promptly at 9:00 AM. The Aspen Meadows Loop is a level, paved, easy trail. Participants should wear comfortable athletic shoes and layers and keep hydrated.

9:00 – 2:30 PM

HINES ROOM
KRESGE BUILDING

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH MOVEMENT "NETWORK OF NETWORKS" LEADERSHIP MEETING

This meeting of leaders in the opportunity youth movement is being convened by the Opportunity Youth Network in order to take stock of the infrastructure of the overall movement, identify opportunities to align efforts across the field, networks, and sectors, and identify issues that multiple networks could tackle together in order to improve outcomes for opportunity youth.

Facilitators

*Thaddeus Ferber, Forum for Youth Investment and Opportunity Youth Network
Monique Miles, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions*

10:00 – 6:00 PM

BARKSDALE LOBBY
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

REGISTRATION FOR ALL GUESTS

1:00 – 2:00 PM

DAVIS COMMONS
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

LUNCH FOR YOUTH LEADERS AND SITE LEADS

The purpose of this informal lunch conversation is to provide youth leaders and site leads with an opportunity to build intergenerational networks and relationships.

Facilitators

*Mildred Ferrer, Harder+Company Community Research
Sophia Lee, Harder+Company Community Research*

3:00 – 6:00 PM

HINES ROOM
KRESGE BUILDING

OYF SITE LEAD MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to convene the Opportunity Youth Forum site leads to further develop and deepen their community of practice.

Facilitators

*Mildred Ferrer, Harder+Company Community Research
Sophia Lee, Harder+Company Community Research*

3:00 – 6:00 PM

KAUFMAN ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

OYF YOUTH LEADERS MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to strengthen the OYF youth leaders peer network and advance the personal and professional development of youth leaders. This session will challenge participants to consider intersectionality and strategies for bringing all aspects of their personal identity to their work; approaches to building culturally inclusive communities; strategies for communicating with love and compassion and for exploring identity issues with youth; and tools for developing leadership skills for multiple contexts.

Facilitators

*Jamiel Alexander, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions
Ryan Dalton, EMPLOY, Opportunity Youth United
Trenton Casillas-Bakeberg, Center for Native American Youth*

Shawnice Jackson, Opportunity Youth United
Felix Moran, Opportunities for Youth
Yelena Nemoy, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions
Kimberly Pham, Project U-Turn, Opportunity Youth United
Amanda Shabowich, Youth Voice Project
Shanice Turner, Opportunity Youth United
Makayla Wright, SOAR

6:00 – 6:30 PM
CATTO BOARD ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

NEW PARTICIPANT ORIENTATION

This optional session will provide an opportunity for new attendees to network and learn about the Opportunity Youth Forum.

Facilitators

Monique Miles, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions
Yelena Nemoy, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions

6:30 – 8:30 PM
BARKSDALE LOBBY
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR ALL GUESTS & PERFORMANCE BY CLEO PARKER ROBINSON DANCE

The Welcome Reception will feature a performance by Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, featuring selections from Dry Each Other's Tears in the Stillness of the Night (David Roussé, choreographer) and On the Edge...Reaching to a Higher Ground (Cleo Parker Robinson, choreographer), performed by Theresa Berger, Martez McKinzy, Ralaya Goshea and John E. Roberts.

The reception will feature live painting by Francisco "Enuf" Garcia, 3Nuf86.

8:30 – 10:00 PM
LIMESLICERS LOUNGE
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

INFORMAL NETWORKING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

7:00 – 6:00 PM
BARKSDALE LOBBY
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

REGISTRATION FOR ALL GUESTS

7:00 – 8:00 AM
RESNICK-MALEK
HEALTH CENTER

YOGA (SEE PROGRAM GUIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION)

7:00 – 8:00 AM
BARKSDALE LOBBY
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

BREAKFAST

8:00 – 9:45 AM
McnULTY ROOM

MORNING PLENARY SESSION: Reflections on Leading with an Equity & Justice Lens

Poetry Performance by Bianca Mikahn

Stepping into a new leadership role presents leaders with an abundance of opportunities and challenges. The opening plenary session will include a dialogue with Melody Barnes, the Chair of the Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions and the new President and CEO of the Aspen Institute, Dan Porterfield and two young adult leaders from the Opportunity Youth Movement, including Shawnice Jackson and Jamiel Alexander. After delivering a keynote address, Dan Porterfield will engage in a dialogue with youth leaders that includes reflections on leading an institution during a time of transition, setting an institutional vision that includes a commitment to equity and reflections on cross system and sector leadership. Speakers will be invited to offer guidance on the transformative power of collaboration to drive system change, thoughts on the importance of self-care in leadership and the role of multi-generational partnerships – with an emphasis on youth leadership – in achieving better outcomes for everyone, especially our country’s most marginalized youth and young adults.

Welcoming Remarks

Monique Miles, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions
Steve Patrick, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions

Plenary Speakers

Melody Barnes, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions (Moderator)
Jamiel Alexander, Senior Fellow, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions
Shawnice Jackson, Policy & Youth Advocate, Opportunity Youth United
Dan Porterfield, President & CEO, The Aspen Institute

9:45 – 10:00 AM

BREAK FOR PASSING

10:00 – 11:30 AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

KAUFMAN ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

BUILDING EFFECTIVE PATHWAYS: Adapting Entrepreneurship Curricula to Support the Needs of Opportunity Youth: Lessons from the Youth Entrepreneurship Fund

This highly interactive workshop will highlight curricula and early implementation lessons from the Youth Entrepreneurship Fund, which supports innovative collaborative approaches to creating entrepreneurship pathways for opportunity youth in three OYF communities. Participants will experience and reflect on curriculum examples – including Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship and human-centered design curriculum – that have been adapted by YEF grantees; hear directly from youth about the impacts of participating in these programs; provide feedback to emerging young entrepreneurs on their business pitches; and hear from YEF grantees about lessons learned from adapting entrepreneurship curricula to respond to the needs and aspirations of opportunity youth.

Facilitators

Yelena Nemoy, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions
Derick Thomas, Bay Area Community Resources

Panelists

Ruth Barajas-Cardona, Bay Area Community Resources
Samantha Bradshaw, True North Organizing Network, Building Healthy Communities Del Norte and Tribal Lands
Michelle Carillo, Del Norte County and Tribal Lands Opportunity Youth Initiative
Dornella Harvey, Philadelphia Youth Network
Mali Linton, Bay Area Community Resources

LAUDER ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

BUILDING EFFECTIVE PATHWAYS: Removing Barriers to Postsecondary Success: Continued Learnings from Austin, Texas

This session will provide an overview of the postsecondary barrier removal work in Austin, Texas, as well as a discussion of lessons learned and the next steps the collaborative intends to take to support systems alignment. The partnership between the collaborative and Austin Community College resulted in many improvements in the college experience of opportunity youth: financial holds and other registration holds have been reimaged, an early-warning data system has been put in place, opportunities for students to avoid remedial education have been created and enhanced, supportive services and funding have been put in place and coordination of social services for added student supports have been implemented. Panelists will also share recommendations and strategies for advancing and deepening the partnership to improve postsecondary outcomes for opportunity youth.

Molly Young, Austin Opportunity Youth Collaborative (Facilitator)
Tamara Atkinson, Workforce Solutions Capital Area
Melissa Curtis, Austin Community College

HINES ROOM
KRESGE BUILDING

BUILDING EFFECTIVE PATHWAYS: Future of Work and Implications for Youth Economic Opportunity

In this session, we will discuss some of the latest thinking and research related to the future of work and the impact of technology on education and employment pathways for youth. A recently released report from the Council on Foreign Relations – *The Work Ahead: Machines, Skills, and U.S. Leadership in the 21st Century* – will provide context for the conversation. Next, Accenture will share insights from their Inclusive Future of Work initiative. This research and pilots underway are part of a call to action to invest in innovative ways to help workers in less complex roles navigate the path to resilient work in the digital economy. Subsequently, we will hear from the Global Apprenticeship Network about their efforts to work with companies globally to create apprenticeship pathways for youth, including digital jobs and/or apprenticeship opportunities in sectors that are less at risk of automation. Participants will also learn—and discuss—a new effort undertaken by the Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions in partnership with the Aspen Economic Opportunities Program and the Future of Work Initiative to develop protocols and toolkits

intended to be practical resources for OYF communities that are wrestling with questions related to the automation and the future of work.

Jamie McAuliffe, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions (Moderator)
Chike Aguh, Inncuvate, Council on Foreign Relations Report: The Work Ahead, Machines, Skills, and U.S. Leadership
Heidi Strawson, Accenture
Shea Gopaul, Global Apprenticeships Network (GAN)

BERNHARD ROOM
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

BUILDING EFFECTIVE PATHWAYS: Developing Resources and Tools to Scale Promising Practices: Lessons Learned from Three Opportunity Works Sites: Philadelphia, Hartford and New Orleans

As part of their Opportunity Works Social Innovation Fund initiative, three sites – Philadelphia, Hartford and New Orleans – have developed specific tools to help scale JFF’s Back on Track interventions in their communities. Hartford embedded Back on Track interventions in its workforce innovation and opportunities act (WIOA) request for proposals to community providers. New Orleans developed a “playbook” in partnership with Bard Early College High School to adapt its college-ready curriculum for opportunity youth populations. Philadelphia developed a “cookbook” to codify core bridging practices to inform programming at partner sites throughout the city. In this session, participants will hear from representatives of those communities who will share the strategies behind developing these resources and their long-term goals for scaling this work in their communities. Participants will review the materials and talk about how these types of tools and resources can be used to support scaling pathways designed for opportunity youth in their own communities.

Mamadou Ndiaye, Jobs for the Future (Facilitator)
Kelly Fitzgerald, Capital Workforce Partners
Aundrea Gregg, EMPLOY
Amber Wool, Philadelphia Youth Network

PAEPCKE LIBRARY
PAEPCKE BUILDING

DEVELOPING SUPPORTIVE POLICIES: \$347M and You

The Reconnecting Youth Campaign successfully advocated for Congress to increase federal funding for opportunity youth programs, providing \$218M more in 2018 than they did in 2017, and \$129M more in 2019 than they did in 2018! Come learn the keys to our advocacy success, what the additional \$347M funds are for and how to apply for them, and help brainstorm ways to create an Opportunity Youth Advocacy Corps mobilizing young people to orchestrate meetings with members of congress.

Facilitators
Jo Ann Paanio, Forum for Youth Investment
Thaddeus Ferber, Forum for Youth Investment

MCNULTY ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

LEVERAGING FUNDING TO SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN INNOVATION: What You Always Wanted to Know from Funders but Were Afraid to Ask

This session will bring together a range of funder partners that represent diverse approaches to grant making, including leaders from national and local philanthropies. Grant-makers from private foundations will share information related to their internal process and governing structures that guide grant-making, including the difference between multi-year commitments and operational grants. Funders will also share how they define and measure success, including exploring power dynamics in grant-making, especially when investing in place and/or traditionally marginalized communities. Participants will be invited to explore topics that lift-up insights related to fundraising and sustainability. Please bring your questions.

Steve Patrick, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions (Facilitator)

Patrice Cromwell, Annie E. Casey Foundation

P. Barclay Jones, The Denver Foundation

Sarah Keh, Prudential Financial

David Wertheimer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

STRANAHAN ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

USING DATA TO GUIDE DECISIONS AND ASSESS IMPACT: Two Futures: The Business Case for Keeping Youth on Track

Since Measure of America first wrote about youth disconnection over half a decade ago, public awareness of both the plight and the promise of young people who are not in either school or the workforce has grown by leaps and bounds. Today, fewer young people are disconnected from school and work than were before the Great Recession. But challenges remain: 4.6 million young women and men are still disconnected from the educational and employment opportunities required for rewarding, productive lives. Measure of America breaks ground today, launching *Two Futures: The Business Case for Keeping Youth on Track*, which reports the outcomes of opportunity youth 15 years into adulthood. With this analysis we are able to show, for the first time, the effects of disconnection and the outcomes of young adults who are disconnected for continuous years. Finally, we calculate the potential gain that communities, governments, and businesses could earn if they invest in supporting young adults.

Facilitators

Kristen Lewis, Measure of America, Social Science Research Council

Rebecca Gluskin, Measure of America, Social Science Research Council

BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON
ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

USING DATA TO GUIDE DECISIONS AND ASSESS IMPACT: Using Data to Advance Systems Change for Opportunity Youth

Using data to inform, improve, and advance a systems change agenda is critical. The OYF's new initiative, Equity Counts, is doubling down on rigorous data use by building communities' capacity to use data to inform policy and practice change, and to ensure a focus on equity in all measurement work. This session, required for communities participating in Equity Counts, but open to all attendees, will explore how communities can embed data use in their systems change efforts – from setting strategy to holding partners accountable for progress toward a shared vision. The presenters will draw on lessons from

Aspen OYF communities and others engaged in systems change work to highlight promising approaches for using data to advance their work. During this interactive session, participants will have an opportunity to assess and explore their own data capacity, generate ideas about how to improve their data use, and learn from one another.

Facilitators

Justin Piff, Equal Measure

Robert Roach, Equal Measure

Jennifer Thompson, Equal Measure

11:30 – 11:50 AM

BREAK FOR PASSING & LUNCH

11:50 – 1:30 PM

ADVANCING COMMUNITY PATHWAYS FORUMS

These forums will provide participants with an opportunity to hear from national experts and dive deeper into lessons and strategies in designing reengagement, postsecondary, and civic service and civic engagement pathways for opportunity youth.

Lunch will be available in the Barksdale Lobby of the Doerr-Hosier Center and in the Davis Commons of the Walter Isaacson Center from 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM. We ask that participants pick up lunch at the buffet closest to the location of the Forum of your choosing and bring lunch with you into the room. Forums will start at 12:15 PM.

MCNULTY ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

What Counts When Reengaging Youth

Collaborating on reengagement strategies in a community is full of opportunities and challenges. Whether you are just starting out; working on improving program results; or trying to build will in your community and school district to do more for opportunity youth, there's something fundamental to leveraging change for all of these (and more) challenges: using data to open opportunities for change. Come hear how Colorado Youth for a Change and the National League of Cities' Reengagement Network members have been using data to improve programs and policies, learn about current work to rethink what data matter in reengagement programs, and get hands-on in our workshop that will help you to look at data challenges and solutions in your own community.

Andrew Moore, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, National League of Cities (Facilitator)

Mary Zanotti, Colorado Youth for a Change

DAVIS COMMONS
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

Postsecondary Partnerships for Opportunity Youth

The evidence is now strong that opportunity youth, with the right supports, can succeed in postsecondary education. But sometimes building relationships with local colleges can be hard, and specializing supports for opportunity youth can run into many institutional barriers. Come hear from Dr. Michael Sorrell, leader

of Paul Quinn College, a HCBU in Dallas, Texas, about his work to build a new approach to supporting students; and dive into a workshop on your own community's partnership needs and solutions, lead by Lili Allen from Jobs for the Future.

Lili Allen, Jobs for the Future (Facilitator)
Dr. Michael Sorrell, Paul Quinn College

KAUFMAN ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

OYUnited: Building Power and Creating Economic Mobility through Narrative Change

OYU leaders will lead a discussion on how they are shifting the narrative for opportunity youth and building power across communities. The discussion will start with updates on the movement, as it continues to grow and empower more young people, and has already resulted in some national and local policy wins. Youth leaders will also discuss their approach to setting a solid foundation for effective youth and adult partnerships. Lastly, they will discuss why civic engagement and organizing is a critical tool for shifting the narrative, creating economic mobility, and leading systemic change.

Kimberly Pham, Project U-Turn, Opportunity Youth United (Moderator)
Jamiel Alexander, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions, Opportunity Youth United
Lashon Amado, Opportunity Youth United
Shawnice Jackson, Opportunity Youth United
Felix Moran, Opportunities for Youth
Amanda Shabowich, Youth Voice Project

ALBRIGHT PAVILION
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

Harnessing the Power of Service and Civic Engagement to Expand Opportunity

The mission of national and community service programs is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. These programs have the potential to be an effective way to increase diversity, equity and inclusion in our democracy, our workforce, and civic life. For young people, participation in a service year could provide a pathway out of circumstances and conditions that perpetuate inequity, marginalization, and discrimination. National service has the potential to build bridges across societal divides and connect young Americans to opportunities that will unlock their full potential not just as workers, but as active citizens and leaders. There are many who say that the national and community service movement has not lived up to this potential for all young people, especially youth of color and those in low income communities. Join us for a round table discussion on how to build the capacity of national and community service to live up to its promise for all young people and communities.

Sheri Brady, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions (Moderator)
Monique Ellington, Service Year Alliance
John Gomperts, America's Promise Alliance
Jarrett Jones, Opportunity Youth United

David Wertheimer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

1:30 – 2:15 PM

BREAK FOR REFLECTION & NETWORKING

2:15 – 5:15 PM

HINES ROOM
KRESGE BUILDING

OYF LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to convene national and regional philanthropic investors in the Opportunity Youth Forum (OYF), Opportunity Works, and Demonstration Cities. Investors will share new initiatives and updates on their work and learn about updates from philanthropy across the opportunity youth field. AIFCS staff will review the history of the OYF efforts to-date, provide an overview of the current structure of OYF, and highlight the future areas of work and priority populations. AIFCS staff and partners will also provide an update on the state of the opportunity youth movement. Investors will also hear from Dan Porterfield, the new President and CEO of the Aspen Institute.

Facilitators

*Melody Barnes, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions
Monique Miles, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions
Steve Patrick, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions*

2:15 – 3:45 PM

KAUFMAN ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

DEEP DIVE & INNOVATIVE DESIGN STUDIO SESSIONS

OYUnited: Owning Our Narrative

During this session, participants will learn about a youth-led Community Based Participatory Research project that was done in partnership with Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE). The goal of the project was to dive deep into six diverse communities, including rural and tribal, and learn about the unique barriers young people face getting the information they need to become active and informed voters. Another goal of the project was to develop recommendations and build relationships with local election administrators, to improve the way they engage and do outreach within low-income communities. Come learn about how our research associates collected over 1,000 surveys from opportunity youth and community members, hear the highlights of the results of the survey, and learn how we plan to use those findings to push our work forward.

*Lashon Amado, Opportunity Youth United (Moderator)
Rey Junco, Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE)
America Lenox, New Orleans OYU Youth Action Team
Hikma Sherka, Seattle OYU Community Action Team
Philan Tree, Opportunity Youth United*

McNULTY ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

Developing Opportunity Youth Employers of Choice

Using the opportunity youth employer standards developed by Grads of Life in partnership with the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative, this session will explore

best practices across the talent pipeline from recruitment to retention and advancement from the perspectives of employers, employees, and community based organizations that connect opportunity youth to employment. The discussion will spotlight exciting developments, lessons learned, and current gaps and challenges. Join us for an interactive session to share ideas and brainstorm plans for supporting youth retention and advancement in the workplace.

Elyse Rosenblum, Grads of Life (Moderator)
Dennis Bagneris, Liberty's Kitchen
Aaron Bence, The Center for Open Hiring at Greyston
Marie Davis, 100,000 Opportunities Initiative

ALBRIGHT PAVILION
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

ListeningWorks: Connecting and Transforming Communities through Radical Listening and Vulnerability

In order to win in the current political climate, our social movements need to be more effective, more resilient, and more rooted in collective healing than ever before. Youth on Board's ListeningWorks project is harnessing the power of radical listening to strengthen social movements, build bridges between divided communities and create a shared vision of liberation. Using our signature Action & Support model – refined over twenty five years and based on radical listening, restorative justice and social emotional learning – we are building a national cohort of movement builders, civic leaders and community organizers dedicated to transforming healing and support systems for themselves and deepening engagement with their communities using a relational and love-centered approach. We invite you to learn about our model and join our efforts to heal movements and communities across the country.

Carlos Rojas Álvarez, Youth on Board (Facilitator)

BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON
ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

Narrative and Messaging for Equity and Justice

In this interactive session, we'll focus on how to use values, affirmative stories, and a solutions-oriented approach to shift narratives about opportunity youth. We'll share messaging case studies from the intersecting issues of economic opportunity, immigrant rights, and criminal justice reform to examine how narratives are built, framed and reframed over time. We'll share our proven values-based format for crafting compelling messages for key strategic audiences.

Facilitators
Will Coley, The Opportunity Agenda
Bridget Whelan, The Opportunity Agenda

LAUDER ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

Making Youth ReConnection Work through Movement, Dance, Meditation and Love

Can integrating movement, meditation, and love into programming lead to better outcomes for opportunity youth? Findings from a Brazilian model uplifted as part of the International Youth Foundation’s (Re)Connecting Youth initiative suggest the answer is yes. Through discussion and experiential exercises, participants will learn how Rede Cidadã’s biocentric education methodology builds confidence, awareness, and helps students along their opportunity pathways. The session will focus on actively coaching students through the ‘4 MEs:’ me and myself, me and my neighbors, me and the workplace, me and the planet. Participants will also hear from the Youth Empowerment Project about the impact they imagine this methodology would have on youth in New Orleans and their plans to approach this theory. From this session, participants will learn: how to facilitate these activities with their youth; what current research says about the benefits of mind-body integration methods; and how cross-border partnerships can spark innovative thinking.

Moderators

Shannon McGarry, International Youth Foundation (IYF)

Shawnice Jackson, Opportunity Youth United & (Re)Connecting Youth

Panelists

Brice White, Youth Empowerment Project

Don Davis, Youth Empowerment Project

Yasin Pierce, Youth Empowerment Project

Maria Tatiana Carvalho, Rede Cidadã

Marcela Íris, Rede Cidadã

3:45 – 4:00 PM

BREAK FOR PASSING

4:00 – 6:30 PM

OPEN SPACE & NETWORKING

4:00 – 5:00 PM

STRANAHAN ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

CALIFORNIA OPPORTUNITY YOUTH NETWORK (COYN) MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to convene the California Opportunity Youth Network (COYN) sites to further develop and deepen their community of practice. This meeting is open to all who are interested in learning more or in collaborating with COYN.

Jermaine Brubaker, California Opportunity Youth Network (Facilitator)

4:00 – 5:00 PM

LAUDER ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

NORTH EAST OPPORTUNITY YOUTH NETWORK (NEON) MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to convene the North East Opportunity Youth Network (NEON) sites to further develop and deepen their community of practice.

4:00 – 5:00 PM

PAEPCKE LIBRARY

RURAL COHORT MEETING

PAEPCKE BUILDING

The purpose of this meeting is to convene the Rural Cohort sites to further develop and deepen their community of practice.

4:00 – 5:30 PM

BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON
ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

PATHWAYS TO CAREERS FUND GRANTEE AND PARTNERS MEETING

Prior to this meeting, Pathways to Careers Fund grantees will be introduced to the ROI Methodology – a scalable and systematic approach to program evaluation. Using a process model, five-level framework, and operating standards to capture performance metrics from simple satisfaction scores to financial impact, the methodology enables the collection of appropriate data to report performance of a variety of initiatives and program types. The ROI Methodology generates both qualitative and quantitative data and provides techniques to isolate the effects of the program from other influences, tools that will enable participants to articulate the return on investment of their projects and programs. During the session, participants will hear how the methodology is being applied in New Orleans to calculate the ROI of the expansion of the Earn and Learn Career Pathways model to the Hilton Riverside Hotel and explore how they can incorporate the Methodology into their efforts to capture the impact of their Pathways Fund projects.

Emma Uman, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions (Facilitator)

Amy Barad, The Cowen Institute at Tulane University

Patti Phillips, ROI Institute, Inc.

5:00 – 5:15 PM

BREAK FOR PASSING

4:30 – 6:30 PM

MEET IN THE BARKSDALE
LOBBY
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

HIKES (SEE PROGRAM GUIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION)

5:15 – 6:30 PM

STRANAHAN ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

Introduction to the Global Opportunity Youth Initiative

This is a meeting to introduce backbone leaders and partners from the Opportunity Youth Forum to the new Global Opportunity Youth Initiative (GOYI) that is being designed this fall. The goal of the meeting is to solicit advice and feedback from OYF site leads and close partners and funders of OYF based on their experience establishing, leading, or supporting system-change collaboratives in their communities. The GOYI is hoping to build on the learning and practice of the OYF network and consider how best to adapt the U.S. experience to the first five pilot communities that will be selected from regions around the world that are experiencing serious constraints to youth economic opportunity.

Facilitators

Jamie McAuliffe, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions

Alice Gugelev, Global Development Incubator

5:45 – 6:45 PM
ANDERSON PARK
(RESNICK-MALEK HEALTH
CENTER WEATHER BACK UP)

YOGA (SEE PROGRAM GUIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION)

7:00 PM

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

6:30 – 8:00 PM
KAUFMAN ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

OYF YOUTH LEADERS ART NIGHT & DINNER

Join us for an evening of creativity and networking to color, sketch, collage, make beats, or perform spoken word. All are welcome! Dinner will be served.

9:00 PM
LIMESLICERS LOUNGE
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

INFORMAL NETWORKING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

7:00 – 8:00 AM
RESNICK MALEK
HEALTH CENTER

YOGA (SEE PROGRAM GUIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION)

7:30 – 8:30 AM
BARKSDALE LOBBY
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:45 AM
McNULTY ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

MORNING PLENARY SESSION: Healing Centered Engagement

Poetry Performance by Bianca Mikahn

The purpose of this plenary session is to share the healing centered engagement framework with the Opportunity Youth Forum Network and to lift-up community based strategies for addressing trauma – especially with vulnerable populations – across the network. This plenary will feature community leaders from San Francisco and Philadelphia, along with national experts, including Professor Shawn Ginwright and youth leader Carlos Rojas from Youth on Board, who will highlight the relevancy of the healing centered engagement framework in organizing for political power, with an emphasis on the role of youth in building relevant, meaningful, responsive and sustainable second chance pathways for opportunity youth.

Plenary Speakers

Steve Patrick, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions (Moderator)
Sheryl Evans Davis, Executive Director, San Francisco Human Rights Commission
Chekemma Fulmore-Townsend, CEO, Philadelphia Youth Network

Shawn Ginwright, Associate Professor of Education, San Francisco State University
Carlos Rojas Álvarez, Director of Special Projects, Youth on Board

9:45 – 10:00 AM

BREAK FOR PASSING

10:00 – 1:00 PM

PAEPCKE LIBRARY
PAEPCKE BUILDING

EQUITY COUNTS DATA COLLECTION PILOT MEETING

This session, required for grantee communities participating in the Equity Counts Data Pilot, will bring grantees together to begin their Equity Counts work. During the session, participants will learn about one another's data-related success and challenges, and explore opportunities to learn from one another. The group will also begin identifying areas of focus for their Data Action Plans and discuss issues related to developing common measures for opportunity youth-focused efforts.

Facilitators

Justin Piff, Equal Measure

Robert Roach, Equal Measure

Jennifer Thompson, Equal Measure

Suzanne Towns, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions

10:00 – 11:30 AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

HINES ROOM
KRESGE BUILDING

BUILDING EFFECTIVE PATHWAYS: Lessons from the Pathways to Careers Fund: From a Summer Pilot – Scale, Innovation and New Tools

This session will discuss the design of a T-Mobile summer internship pilot in Seattle, which was developed in partnership with Grads of Life and Year Up and supported through the Forum's Pathways to Careers Fund, and explore how each of the involved entities – Grads of Life, T-Mobile, and Year Up – has used the pilot experience and learning to fuel and inform new innovations.

Emma Uman, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions (Moderator)

Omar Bourgoub, Year Up

Elyse Rosenblum, Grads of Life

Amanda Willard, T-Mobile

STRANAHAN ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

BUILDING EFFECTIVE PATHWAYS: The Art and Science of Evidence-Based Programming for Vulnerable Youth Transitioning from Foster Care

In this interactive, multi-media presentation and panel discussion, presenters will candidly discuss how they identified that the characteristics and needs of the opportunity youth they serve were distinct from broader conceptions of opportunity youth, determined which evidence-based programs were right for their population, and made the organizational changes necessary to effectively implement both the Individualized Placement and Support (IPS) model for workforce and the Strengths Model for case management. IPS offered LifeWorks a new approach to workforce support that better addresses the types

of challenges faced by this population. The Strengths Model emphasizes the importance of empowering youth to identify and pursue their personal goals, focusing on youth's strengths instead of their deficits. Using these two models as an example, the presenters will describe how to effectively select, implement, and sustain evidence-based programming, highlighting the importance of organizational culture.

Kate Robinson-Howell, Failing Forward: On the Road to Social Impact (Facilitator)

Susan McDowell, LifeWorks

Dr. Liz Schoenfeld, LifeWorks

LAUDER ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

BUILDING EFFECTIVE PATHWAYS: Designing Community Dialogues to Support Undocumented Youth

In this session, Bay Area Community Resources and the National Youth Employment Coalition will share the rationale and a framework for jump-starting community dialogues to include undocumented young people not eligible for DACA, based on a recent convening in Stockton, California. Young people not eligible for DACA represent a significant portion of the undocumented population, but are often overlooked by decision makers. The good news is that alternative pathways to residency and employment exist, and inspiring young people around the country are taking advantage of these pathways. In addition to supports and training, daring organizations are helping young people pursue paths such as self-employment, entrepreneurship, worker cooperatives, fellowships, and other means to achieve self-sufficiency. In a facilitated problem-solving session, attendees will design their own community dialogues for serving these young people.

Mamadou Ndiaye, Jobs for the Future (Facilitator)

Ruth Barajas-Cardona, Bay Area Community Resources

Thomas Showalter, National Youth Employment Coalition

KAUFMAN ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

COLLABORATING FOR IMPACT: We Gon' Be Alright: Community-Driven Narrative Change

In this session, award winning journalist and author Jeff Chang will partner with youth and collaborative leaders from the Opportunity Youth Forum communities to take a deeper dive into narrative change and the power of story-telling. Jeff will unpack the concepts of cultural strategy and narrative change and together, the panel will explore how these concepts resonate and connect to the work that is happening in communities.

Jeff Chang, Race Forward (Facilitator)

Kali Aroche, San Francisco Community Action Team, MBSK Youth Council

Samantha Bradshaw, True North Organizing Network, Building Healthy Communities Del Norte and Tribal Lands

Nico Bremond, Collective Impact/Magic Zone

Michelle Carillo, Del Norte County and Tribal Lands Opportunity Youth Initiative

Sheryl Evans Davis, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Brittany Ford, Youth Leader, Collective Impact/Magic Zone
Kierre Garrett, San Francisco Community Action Team, MBSK Youth Council
TJ Lynch, San Francisco Community Action Team, MBSK Youth Council

DAVIS COMMONS
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

DEVELOPING SUPPORTIVE POLICIES: DIY Opportunity Youth Advocacy: Create Your Own State/Local Policy Agenda and Advocacy Campaign

Back by popular demand, this session will give you everything you need to know to develop your own state and/or local policy agenda and advocacy strategy. One of OYF's goals is to shape an advocacy agenda and policy priorities focused on local, state and national system alignment and change to generate better outcomes for opportunity youth. Different sites are in different places on policy — for some sites, policy and advocacy work is quite new; others have been using sophisticated strategies for years. Wherever you fall on the continuum, this interactive session will give you an opportunity to assess your current activities and plan new ones. You will be provided tools to assess and prioritize policies you want to advance (developing, refining or expanding your policy agenda), as well as to identify advocacy strategies and tactics to advance your agenda.

Facilitators

Jo Ann Paanio, Forum for Youth Investment
Thaddeus Ferber, Forum for Youth Investment

BERNHARD ROOM
WALTER ISAACSON CENTER

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: The Power of Cross Sector Movement Building: Expanding Opportunities for Rural, Tribal, and Urban Youth through Civic Engagement, Cross-Cultural Exchange, and the Outdoors

How can we take advantage of the tremendous opportunity to bring together young leaders from diverse backgrounds and communities to understand the histories of systemic disenfranchisement; learn about and celebrate their different cultural heritages; and, collectively create action plans at the intersection of social justice and environmental justice? This youth-led session will highlight the Fresh Tracks program and its exceptional partnerships, evidence-based best practices in creating curriculum, the importance of intercultural exchange and evidence-based best practices for partnership engagement, and empowering youth leaders. Participants will have an opportunity to hear from an interactive panel of youth from diverse communities, as well as partners, to help strategize about future opportunities within the OYF network.

CJ Goulding, Fresh Tracks (Moderator)

Trenton Casillas-Bakeberg, Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute
Jarrett Jones, Opportunity Youth United
Nikki Pitre, Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute

BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON
ROOM
KOCH BUILDING

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: Fund for Youth Connectivity: Amplifying Youth Voice and Advocacy

This session will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about the Fund for Youth Connectivity, which seeks to amplify the voice of opportunity youth by providing youth with technology-based solutions that enable them to have a stronger role and impact in the opportunity youth movement. Three Opportunity Youth Forum communities provided youth with mobile devices and connectivity, as well as training in new digital literacy and video production skills to enable youth to tell their stories, lift up community issues, and advocate for change. Young leaders from the Opportunity Youth United movement also received mobile devices and connectivity to strengthen OYU's national efforts to increase opportunity and reduce poverty through local youth advocacy and organizing. In this session, grantees will share emerging learnings from their work, the impact of youth stories, and participant experiences, as well as showcase the videos and other media created by youth leaders. OYU will share their strategies for using technology as a tool for supporting youth organizing and voter awareness efforts.

Jamiel Alexander, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions (Facilitator)
Lashon Amado, Opportunity Youth United
Dornella Harvey, Philadelphia Youth Network
Israel Juarez, Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative
Amrit Mehra, Thrive Chicago
Tracee Stanford, Free Spirit Media
Brianna Waters, Free Spirit Media
Lorena Zimmer, Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative

PAEPCKE GALLERY
 PAEPCKE BUILDING

CONSULTANCY: Developing a Sustainability Plan

Many OYF communities are considering how to sustain their opportunity youth initiatives over the long haul. In this consultancy session, leaders from Los Angeles will describe their efforts to institutionalize the innovative pathways put in place by the collaborative so that they can be sustained in the public sector to ensure foster youth have access to college and career readiness programming. Using a consultancy protocol, participants will consider steps the Los Angeles leaders might consider as they move ahead with sustainability planning.

Lili Allen, Jobs for the Future (Facilitator)
Lauri Collier, Alliance for Children's Rights

11:30 – 11:45 AM
 11:45 – 12:45 PM
 VARIOUS LOCATIONS

BREAK FOR PASSING
TEAM PLANNING TIME

Site teams will be assigned rooms to debrief the convening and consider implications of the convening's lessons for their work in their communities.

11:45 – 12:45 PM

OPEN SPACE & NETWORKING

11:45 – 12:45 PM
 KAUFMAN ROOM
 DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

YOUTH LEADERS DEBRIEF

Youth leaders will share learnings from the convening and identify opportunities to implement what they learned in their communities.

Facilitators

Jamie Alexander, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions

Yelena Nemoy, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions

12:45 – 1:00 PM

BREAK FOR PASSING

1:00 – 2:45 PM

McNULTY ROOM
DOERR-HOSIER CENTER

LUNCH & CLOSING PLENARY SESSION: *We Gon' Be Alright: Changing the Narrative in an Era of Division*

Poetry performance by Franklin Cruz

Young people have always been central to social movements, perhaps never more than in the current era of division. Award winning journalist and author Jeff Chang will address the Opportunity Youth Forum network on how young people are changing the narrative to move us forward in this period. Joining Jeff in conversation will be acclaimed civil rights leader Judith Browne Dianis, executive director of the Advancement Project, who has been a pioneer in the fight to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline. Both of these leaders will be joined by two young adult leaders from the opportunity youth movement. Together, the panelists will discuss the importance of culture, community organizing, and values such as mutuality and intergenerationality in the fight for equity and justice.

Keynote Address:

Jeff Chang, Vice President of Narrative, Arts & Culture, Race Forward

Plenary Speakers:

Monique Miles, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions (Moderator)

Judith Browne Dianis, Executive Director, Advancement Project

Jeff Chang, Vice President of Narrative, Arts & Culture, Race Forward

Ryan Dalton, Program Coordinator, EMPLOY

Kimberly Pham, Collaborative Youth Leader, Project U-Turn, Opportunity Youth United

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

7:30 – 8:30 AM

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8:30 – 12:00 PM

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COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MEETING FOR DEMONSTRATION CITIES AND OTHER COMMUNITIES

This is a closed meeting for teams from Demonstration Cities and affiliated Community of Practice partner cities. This collaborative session will feature FSG's curriculum and methodology for working with employers, with the goal of building more capacity for place-based organizations to engage in effective partnerships with the private sector and to support practice change. The session will highlight successes, challenges, and lessons learned during FSG's Innovation Lab program, which coaches companies to build a more inclusive workforce through place-based pilot projects over the course of a 9-12 month engagement.

Emma Uman, Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions (Moderator)

Lili Allen, Jobs for the Future

Hollie Marston, FSG

Laura Roberts, FSG