

## Announcing More 2014 Conference Speakers!

Youth Philanthropy Connect is proud to announce several of our confirmed speakers for this year's 2014 conference along with the titles and descriptions of their sessions!

Please help us welcome this group of leaders in philanthropy to the Youth Philanthropy Connect family.

### Keynote Speakers:



Dave DeLuca, [Do Something.org](http://DoSomething.org)

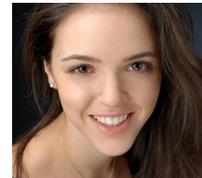
#### Behind the Scenes, DoSomething.org and Social Change Campaigns

DoSomething.org is the largest organization for young people interested in social change. Their 2.4 million members tackle campaigns that impact every cause, from poverty to violence to the environment. With over 100 active campaigns, it is any cause, any time, anywhere. Dave DeLuca will give us a behind the scenes tour of how campaigns get created - from verifying impact to creating a unique call to action to managing a live campaign. He will also share stories of how amazing young people who have made a difference, and give you and your supporters an opportunity to take part in a campaign before it has launched.



Simone Bernstein (Left), [Volunteen Nation](http://VolunteenNation.org)  
Erin Schrode, [Teens Turning Green](http://TeensTurningGreen.org) (Right)

#### Journeys in Weaving A Web of Support: Inspiration to Action



Be inspired to take your big ideas about the change you want to make in the world to action. Simone Bernstein and Erin Schrode will join us to share their stories of how, while as teenagers, they both had an idea that they have now made into national efforts and nonprofit organizations. Simone will tell the story of Volunteen Nation and Erin will tell the story of Teens Turning Green. They will both share their lessons learned over the years and give you advice on how to use your web of support to make a difference as you head home.

### Select Confirmed Workshop Sessions and Presenters:



Jen Bokoff (Left) & Amanda Dillon (Right),  
[GrantCraft](http://GrantCraft.org) and [The Foundation Center](http://TheFoundationCenter.org)

#### Mapping the Field of Youth Philanthropy and Resources to Support It

The Foundation Center and Youth Philanthropy Connect are conducting a literature, resource, and data review of youth philanthropy materials in the field. This research will strive to answer the question of whether youth philanthropy needs an infrastructural epicenter that organizes and curates knowledge from the field. Results from the research and review will be presented and participants will be invited to share their reactions and ideas about how best to share information about youth philanthropy.



## Cultivating Nonprofit Relationships

The key to giving effectively and 'beyond the check' is to build strong relationships with nonprofits. In this session, we will discuss strategies to build and grow relationships with nonprofits. We'll learn what capacity building is and how it can help you to weave a web of support formally as a part of your grant and informally, too!



**Andy Carroll, [Exponent Philanthropy](#)**

### Nonprofits, Foundations, and Donors: The Universe in Which We Operate

How does your giving fit the larger world of nonprofits and society? Step back and get perspective on the field at large. Questions we'll explore include, What is the difference between foundations and nonprofits? What are the different types of foundations and giving vehicles? How does foundation giving compare to individual giving? What are some of the major philosophies of giving and impact? Are foundations particularly good at certain things? What can funders do beyond giving dollars to make impact and change? What have been some of the

big achievements of philanthropy? Who can you call upon for education, networking, and support in the field?

## Going Public to Tell Your Story

It is natural for many philanthropists to want to keep their role and work hidden from public view. At the same time, there are lots of compelling reasons to be public. Explore the value of going public, and how to become more comfortable being public as a philanthropist. We'll look at the wide variety of ways philanthropists adopt a public presence, and use their unique voices in an authentic way to advance causes they care about. These include: volunteering or fundraising for groups you believe in; championing the work of favorite grantees; communicating your support of new programs; getting out into the community to learn about issues; raising awareness or speaking out about important issues through social media, blogging, and talking with people who have influence; getting involved in activism or policy change; empowering people to speak out on their own behalf; and convening and mobilizing people to work on an urgent problem. A key goal is to help you gain greater comfort telling peers or talking publicly about your involvement in philanthropy.

**Steve Culbertson (Left) & Scott Ganske (Right),**



### [Youth Service America](#)

#### LEARNING LAB: Design Your Own Initiative for Impact

How can YOU apply your love of football, creative arts, or the outdoors to solve the world's biggest problems? During this session, discover three powerful steps to design initiatives that make real

impact on youth volunteers and the communities they serve. Then, apply these steps in exploring how you could design your very own initiative for impact.



**Kathy Whelpley, [National Center for Family Philanthropy](#) (Adult Track Facilitator)**

#### Adult Session: Pipeline to Philanthropy: Supporting Next Gen Transitions

Regardless of the age of the youth you are engaging in philanthropy, they will grow up! This interactive session will share some of the promising practices in supporting next gen transitions through the pipeline from middle school to high school to college and beyond. Join in the discussion around how your foundation or

family is being intentional about this pipeline or could be.



**Ryan Ponsford, [Main Street Philanthropy](#)**

#### LEARNING LAB: Getting to the Heart of Making a Difference

Are you new to philanthropy? If so, this learning lab will help you be an inspired and educated philanthropist by getting to the heart of the difference you want to make. In this interactive session, you will identify your personal passions for

change; craft your philanthropic purpose, vision, and mission statement; find and evaluate organizations through qualitative and quantitative investment principles; and build trust and communication in working in collaborative groups.



Putting Pep in Your Philanthropic Meetings

Are you BORED with Board Meetings or meetings in general? Do you ever have a teambuilding experience or do things that make your meetings fun, yet effective? This session is for those who want to put a little pep back in their philanthropic step by learning some hints and tips to make your meetings the best they can be.

**Elliott Gilson (Left) & Kelly Hewitt (Right),**

Focusing Philanthropy



Smart Philanthropists Ask the Tough Questions

Whether you're a youth board member in Los Angeles or the President of an international foundation, smart philanthropists ask the tough questions. Come build your skills and confidence in identifying and evaluating nonprofits. From questions about overhead to impact, you'll develop a list of key topics to address when assessing a nonprofit. Learn how your role as a young philanthropist can provide an important and unique perspective in the evaluation process. Finally, practice asking and answering the tough questions through a mock site visit.

More speakers and sessions to be announced in the coming months!

[Check out our website for the latest program updates.](#)



[Register here](#) to connect with the great group of foundations already joining us in July!

**Last call to join us in Boston!**

In partnership with the [National Center for Family Philanthropy](#) and [the Boston Foundation](#), YPC is hosting a Post National Forum Gathering on Youth Philanthropy on May 10th in Boston! [Download our informational flier](#) (as shown to the right) and check out the [Regional Events](#) page on our website for more information and to register.

[Register here before it's too late!](#)

**YOUTH PHILANTHROPY CONNECT** Post National Forum Gathering on Youth Philanthropy  
 Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
 The Boston Foundation  
 75 Arlington Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02116

Calling all families who are or want to engage children ages 8-21 in philanthropy! Bring along the youth of your family or foundation for this post-NCFP National Forum Gathering on Youth Philanthropy. This interactive session will highlight Boston's youth philanthropy work, as well as provide a unique opportunity for youth, families, and foundations in attendance to meet one another, share models of youth philanthropy, learn together, and explore effective national practices for engaging youth in philanthropy.

The gathering is hosted by Youth Philanthropy Connect, a special program of the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation, the National Center for Family Philanthropy, and The Boston Foundation.

**Program**  
 9:00 a.m. Registration Open with Light Networking Breakfast Provided  
 10:00 a.m. Welcome by the Youth Philanthropy Connect Leadership Team and Presenting Partners  
 10:15 a.m. Spotlight on Boston Youth Philanthropy  
 Hear from representatives of a variety of youth philanthropy programs from across the Boston area about their model and top tips for how best to engage youth in philanthropy. Panelists include youth and adults from The Boston Foundation, the Greater Worcester Community Foundation Foundation for MetroWest, The Rivers School's Rivers Givers, Gilman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy at Brandeis, the Highland Street Foundation, and more.

11:00 a.m. Cafe Conversations on Youth Philanthropy Program Elements  
 Using your own knowledge of youth philanthropy and new information about Boston's models of youth philanthropy, we will discuss common elements and important takeaways with one another. This session will engage youth and adults in a dialogue surrounding best practices of common youth philanthropy program areas such as site visits, grantmaking processes, collaborative decision-making, and more! You will have a chance to explore two topics for 15 minutes each.

11:40 a.m. Learning Breakouts  
 Youth Breakout: The Art and Science of Philanthropy  
 Christine Reeves, Senior Field Associate, National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy  
 Sculpture, music, dance are all forms of the arts, while chemistry, biology, physics are all sciences. But, what's philanthropy? And who are you as the philanthropist? Well, you're both an artist and a scientist. Plus, you're a part of a long history of giving: people have been giving for centuries, in every country, at every income level, and in so many ways. So, how do you decide where and how to give?

**2014 YPC Conference  
 Mini-Grant Applications due April 29th!**

As a part of YPC's annual conference July 24-26, 2014, our partner foundations and corporate sponsors have made available a limited pool of grant funds that will be awarded as part of a competitive grants process to support projects and leadership development for the youth/alumni advisors who volunteer their time and energy to the nonprofit organizations they love. These grants will recognize and support the leadership development and important projects of the dedicated youth who care so much about the causes and organizations they work with.

**Grant alerts have been sent to nonprofits in the Los Angeles area. Please encourage any eligible nonprofits to apply by April 29th! Finalists will be invited to attend Nonprofit Day on July 25th. Mini-grants for \$100-1,000 will be made to support nonprofit's leadership development of youth advisors.**



This is a competitive round of grant funding, and the youth leadership team of YPC who will review all applications will be looking for compelling proposals that will effectively advance your organization's engagement of youth on their boards, or develop the leadership skills of those who already play an integral role in your organization. We encourage but do not require youth to work with staff in filling out this application.

#### GRANT SCHEDULE:

- **April 29: Deadline to submit a mini-grant application through online system**
- **June:** All finalists notified
- **July 25, noon to 4:30pm:** Youth in Nonprofit and Philanthropy Day, The Grand Californian Hotel, Anaheim, CA for Finalists to share information about their programs and participate in learning sessions with conference attendees
- **July 26:** Conference attendees will make their final decision for grant awards
- **Week of July 28:** Applicant notifications will be made, followed by an email with grant agreement. Funds to follow in next two weeks.

**[APPLY HERE with access code: YPC 2014](#)**

To start your application, please "create a new account" and follow the prompts on your screen. User ID: email address for the lead contact on this grant. Password: please choose a password. Once you are logged in, please enter the requested account information.

Once you are to the dashboard, select "Apply" on the top left then enter the Access Code "YPC2014" to see information about the 2014 YPC Mini-Grant. Click on the grant title and you will be taken to the Application. Contact [Annie](#) for more information or with questions.

## Upcoming Opportunities to Connect

Youth Philanthropy Connect would love the opportunity to connect with you at the following 2014 events:

### **National Center for Family Philanthropy Forum**

May 7-9, Boston, MA

### **Post-NCFP National Forum Youth Philanthropy Gathering**

May 10, 9am-2pm, Boston, MA

### **Jewish Teen Philanthropy Summit**

June 9-10, New York City, NY

**MCON 14**

June 18-19, Chicago, IL

**2014 Youth Philanthropy Connect Conference**

July 24-26, Disneyland Resort, Anaheim, CA

**Exponent Philanthropy National Conference**

October 30-November 1, Washington, DC

**STAY CONNECTED WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



Join us on social media to find out more about Youth Philanthropy Connect and hear about youth philanthropy programs and pertinent news such as:

[Positive Tracks Joins Doris Buffett's Giving With Purpose MOOC to #LearnGiveLove!](#)

[Welcome to Junior Philanthropy](#)

[Marion Youth Engaged in Philanthropy group seeks projects](#)

[Dell Empowers the Student Voice in Education by Launching Youth Innovation Advisors Program](#)

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