

Best wishes for the 2014-2015 School Year!



Thanks for Joining Us! A Recap of YPC's 2014 Conference



In late July, over 100 youth philanthropists and the adults who support them, gathered together at the Youth Philanthropy Connect 4th annual conference for a learning-filled experience complete with educational sessions, smart speakers, and fun activities specifically for youth involved in foundations, giving families, and nonprofit organizations. The conference themed "Weaving a Web of Support" was a testament to the incredible things that happen when foundations reach out and build relationships with one another and say YES to engaging youth in the work of their foundation!

Over the course of three days, youth attended four sets of concurrent sessions presented by experts in various fields from across the country, heard from keynote, Dave DeLuca of DoSomething.org, and two young panelists, Erin Schrode of [Teens Turning Green](http://TeensTurningGreen.org) and Simone Bernstein of [VolunTEEN Nation](http://VolunTEEN.com), networked with peers and professionals, shared their own model of youth philanthropy, and participated in the "Giving Circle" activity.



We would like to thank our sponsors, attendees, and Leadership Team for a successful conference! We were so inspired by everyone we met and truly enjoyed connecting with all of you!

Check out these blog posts for additional insights from the conference:



- [Weaving a Web in Action](#) by Annie Hernandez and Katie Marcus Reker of YPC
- [Breaking Down Barriers and Solving Problems with Youth Philanthropy Connect](#) by Conference Sponsor Foundant's representative, Mark Larimer
- [Youth Philanthropy and the Happiest Place on Earth](#) by Conference Intern, Colton Strawser

Also, please stay connected with us on social media for all the latest YPC news, including more photos and "web wisdom" from the conference coming **very soon** as well as the latest announcements on other YPC resources and events: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)

Join us for a

Live Q&A: Involving Youth in Grantmaking | September 4 | 1 p.m. ET

Mark Larimer of Foundant Technologies, Annie Hernandez of Youth Philanthropy Connect, and Sarina Dayal of the Tarsadia Foundation will answer your questions about ways to engage young people in philanthropy. They'll highlight the positive influences that making youth an integral part of your grantmaking process can have on the wider nonprofit sector.

Have a question you want answered, add it [here](#) prior to the chat!

YPC Featured in GEO's Smarter Grantmaking Playbook

**THE SMARTER
GRANTMAKING
PLAYBOOK**



[Grantmakers for Effective Organizations](#) has developed **The Smarter Grantmaking Playbook**, a new online tool developed to advance more effective philanthropy. The playbook has tools in areas including Strengthening Relationships with Grantees, Supporting Nonprofit Resilience, Learning for Improvement, and Collaboration; and will help members find answers to commonly asked questions, learn about effective grantmaking practices, turn knowledge into action using practical tools and frameworks, and learn from the experiences of others who are successfully implementing good practices. Youth Philanthropy Connect and the Frieda C. Fox Family Foundation have been featured as a part of a leadership building section!

Our thanks to GEO for highlighting our work and spreading the word about building capacity for the sector through engaging and training youth in giving!

[Check out the resource here](#) and [our case study here](#).

Youth Philanthropy was H-O-T in Summer 2014!

The summer has sped by and we are thrilled to report a bit more on this record summer activity in the field of youth philanthropy. We hope you are as thrilled as we are at the momentum and resources being generated and given towards these efforts!

Jewish Teen Philanthropy Summit

June 9-10, New York City, NY

For two days, more than 90 Jewish professionals, educators, and funders gathered at the JewishTeen Philanthropy Summit, the largest-ever gathering of this field. YPC was blown away by the STRONG and LARGE national network happening in the Jewish community. We had the chance to speak to the secular trends in youth philanthropy as well as lead a workshop on mapping the stakeholders that support the individual programs.



Read more about the Summit [on their blog](#) and in [The Jewish Week](#). Download all [Summit resources and materials here](#).

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Youth Community Philanthropy Summit

June 17, Chicago, IL

Organized by the Council on Foundations and the Council of Michigan Foundations with support from the C.S. Mott Foundation, the summit brought together more than 50 youth philanthropy practitioners and participants from 14 different countries. The goals were to gain a broader understanding of innovative approaches in youth community philanthropy and begin building connections and identifying opportunities for supporting each other's work. We were so pleased to meet among others many representatives from [YouthBank International](#) (pictured on the right is Annie with one of our new Russian YouthBank friends)—you can learn more about their work in this recent [CaseStudy from GrantCraft](#).



Read more reflections on the Summit in these blog posts: [Troubleshooting not Troublemaking](#) and [Three Ways to Galvanize Youth Philanthropic Action](#). And, stay tuned for a report with recommendations to be launched at the [2014 Fall Community Foundations conference](#).

MCON 14

June 18-19, Chicago, IL

An outstanding line-up of thought leaders on Millennials and their giving was brought together in-person and was broadcast to thousands of others online. Check out this [tumblr page](#) and the [2014 Millennial Impact Report](#).



Michigan Council of Youth Philanthropy Programs 2014 Summer Camp

June 20-22, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Over 400 Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) members and service learning student leaders, as well as advisors and teachers, from across Michigan as well as 3 other states and Turkey gathered at Central Michigan University. Participants completed service projects, attended dynamic plenaries and participated in breakout sessions as they explored this year's theme: "Purpose. Passion. Philanthropy. #makeitcount." The Michigan Community Foundation's Youth Project (MCFYP) Committee and The LEAGUE Michigan collaborated to create the theme, plan and facilitate breakout sessions, and lead participants through the camp experience. See the follow-up blog post [here](#).



Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana 2014 Conference

July 16, Indianapolis, IN

This annual workshop connected the youth philanthropy groups across the state of Indiana. Participants rocked out and learned skills, networked, and developed new ideas about addressing community needs focused on the pillars of Indiana youth philanthropy: giving & serving, leading and engaging.

[More.](#)



Grab the Torch

June (CO), July (CT), August (ME)

The 8 day, 7 night experience provided an educational experience in nonprofit, foundation, cause-related marketing, and global greater good.

Check out more about the program [here](#) and all the fun photos from the summer [here](#).



Ice Bucket Challenge Conversation Starters

By now you or a loved one have probably been "challenged" to dump a bucket of ice cold water on your head or donate to the ALS Association. This now incredibly successful international and grassroots fundraising campaign offers a *bucket-full* of opportunities to discuss with the youth you are engaging in philanthropy. From talking with friends and colleagues in the field, we thought offering a few conversation starter questions could be helpful as you consider how to use this as a learning opportunity with your peers or with the youth you work with.



Here are a few questions we have thought of to start an ***Ice Bucket Challenge conversation*** in your youth philanthropy program or with your family and friends:

1. What do you think made this the Challenge so viral?
2. If you were challenged, what choice did you make and why? Regardless if you participated, what did you like about the Challenge? What are all the ways it helps ALS in general and the ALS Foundation as a nonprofit?
3. What didn't you like about the Challenge? What are the drawbacks or harms that have or may come from this Challenge, especially for other causes or organizations you care about?
4. From the success of this Challenge, what ideas do you have for future fundraising? What can YOU learn about raising money and giving from the Challenge?
5. What do you think OTHERS learned about philanthropy from the Ice Bucket Challenge? What do you want your friends to know about philanthropy from it?

We really like this [blog post](#) from Beth Kanter that explores some of her thoughts on the Ice Bucket Challenge and the implications for the sector. Please share with us on social media how you are using this as a learning opportunity!

Upcoming Opportunities to Connect

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

Exponent Philanthropy Live Online Q&A: Involving Youth in Grantmaking
September 4, 1 p.m. ET

2014 Fall Conference for Community Foundations
October 19-22, Cleveland, OH

Exponent Philanthropy National Conference
October 30-November 1, Washington, DC

2014 North Carolina Youth Giving Summit

November 15, Winston-Salem, SC

Stay tuned for YPC-supported Webinars this Fall and Regional Gatherings in 2015!

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

[Young Philanthropists Key for Future](#)

[Youth Philanthropy Councils Award \\$20K In Grants](#)

[Philanthrogeek xChange 2: Youth Philanthropy Connect](#)

[Young Leaders Reflect on Skoll World Forum](#)

[The Business Of Doing Good: How Millennials Are Changing The Corporate Sector](#)

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