

# 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH & PEACE CONFERENCE

**Projected Date: Friday, November 5, 2021**

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 the powerful mission statement created by the 2020 YPC Youth Team, we decided to expand the conference into a year-round peace leadership training program called *Tucson Youth and Peace*, for youth and young adults ages 13-24.**

10 <sup>TH</sup> 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 fund-raising & financial management, plans fundraisers as needed.
Assists with outreach to schools and other youth-serving organizations.	Organizes communication & outreach (e.g., email correspondence, website, social media, flyers).
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## NEW DEVELOPMENTS for 2021 YOUTH AND PEACE CONFERENCE (YPC)

- As we move slowly and hopefully surely out of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are hopeful that we can once again hold the 2021 YPC as an in-person or hybrid event this fall on the West Campus of Pima Community College.
- We are moving the date of the 2021 conference to November rather than September to give schools more time to register students and have more time for planning the conference.
- Youth & Adult Teams will continue to meet virtually through Zoom plus a few in-person gatherings.
- We are counting on local donations, sponsorships, and some grants to financially support this year's conference and the year-round peace leadership training program.

