

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

Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 (a virtual program on PCC Zoom Platform)

Theme: Achieving Racial Justice & Equity in Our Schools



## 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 a powerful mission statement created by the 2020 YPC Youth Team, we have expanded the annual 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 fundraising & financial management; plans fundraisers as needed.
Assists with outreach to schools & 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)

- We hoped to provide a hybrid conference this year, with a virtual program on Friday and an in-person, outside program on Saturday. However, safety, health, and self-care considerations in the face of various on-going pandemics (e.g., COVID-19, racism, mental health concerns) led us to simplify plans and focus on producing a virtual conference program on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021.
- We moved the date of the 2021 conference to Nov. 19 to have more time for organizing the conference program and provide schools more time to register students.
- Youth & Adult Planning Teams continue to meet virtually.
- For more information, see our website ([www.youthandpeace.org](http://www.youthandpeace.org)); Facebook.com/youthandpeace; Instagram @TucsonYouthandPeace.

