

# OUR FIGHT, OUR FUTURE.

## YEO Network's 20th Anniversary Convening

April 30 - May 4, 2025 | The Watergate | Washington DC

On the 100th day of a new administration that will surely put our values to the test, we'll gather for our 2025 National Convening to celebrate the incredible progress we've made together – and recommit to YEO's indispensable mission of helping the next generation of leaders defend democracy, advance justice, and secure freedom for everyone.

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### Member Registration

We're inviting progressive elected leaders ages 40 and under and YEO alumni to join us in Washington!

### What to Expect

Our 20th Anniversary Convening will be like none other, filled with time-honored traditions and new experiences for elected leaders.

### Sponsorship Opportunities

Want to help power the largest gathering of progressive power in the nation? Explore our 2025 sponsorship opportunities.

### Join the Celebration!

Even if you're not a member, you can join some of the experience in DC! Buy special event or single-day passes.



## NATIONAL CONVENING 2025

### **Celebrating Two Decades of Impact**

The YEO Network's 20th Anniversary National Convening, themed "Our Fight, Our Future", will be like none before it, bringing together a diverse and dynamic group of young elected officials, faith leaders, activists, innovators, policy experts, and partners from across the nation to share best practices while they participate in three days of intense issue and skills-based trainings. This gathering is not just a conference; it's a pivotal moment in our shared journey towards a brighter future.

Since our last National Convening, a presidential election reshaped our political landscape, and the foundations of our democracy will once again be put to the test. Our communities face the threats of authoritarian leadership that seek to censor our children's education and create division through unchecked streams of disinformation. The many are being exploited, disadvantaged and silenced by the powerful few at the ballot box, in the workplace, and at the cash register. Decades of progress that advanced equality and freedom are being rolled back by far-right courts and elected lawmakers. In the wake of these unprecedented challenges, bold and visionary leadership is needed more than ever.

At this year's convening, we recognize the urgency and necessity of our resistance. We believe that it's the young leaders of today who will navigate these challenges and shape the course of tomorrow. This conference is designed to empower you with the knowledge, skills, and inspiration needed to lead in this new era.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Our program features a diverse range of thought-provoking sessions and interactive workshops. You'll engage with experts and fellow leaders to explore innovative solutions to the pressing issues of our time, from addressing inequalities to ensuring a fair and just democracy. You'll gain insights into harnessing the power of technology, including AI, to drive positive change in your communities.

But this convening isn't just about ideas; it's about action. You'll leave this conference with concrete strategies and a renewed sense of purpose to drive progress within your role of leadership. Together, we'll chart a course towards a brighter future, one that reflects the values of justice, equity, and inclusivity.

### **Panels and Fireside Chats**

Our panels and fireside chats are a unique opportunity for members to discuss pressing issues of the day with



experts in policy, organizers, activists, and thought leaders  
reshaping the progressive space.

### **Policy and Skills-Based Workshops**

Our breakout sessions are an opportunity to dive deeper  
into your policy passions, gain essential skills for elected  
leaders, and exchange ideas with peers from across the  
nation.

### **First-Term Boot Camp**

YEO members in their first term of elected service are  
invited to attend a day-long institute designed to equip  
our newest, youngest leaders with the tools to advance  
their values and get things done as they begin their  
journey in elected service.

### **Host City Service Project**

Service comes first. Each year, we take the time to tackle  
critical issues through service to local communities in our  
host city.

### **Mini Policy Academies**

Seeing is believing and good ideas are contagious. That's  
why we'll spend part of our weekend out across the DC  
community, exploring innovative solutions to tough issues  
from economic opportunity to climate resiliency.

### **Affinity Breakfasts and Caucus Meetings**

Throughout the weekend, members will have the space to  
meet in groups by level of office, region, and affinity  
caucuses to share and discuss issues important to their  
communities.

### **Receptions and Special Events**

Convening is also fun! You'll have full access to a weekend  
of receptions and other exclusive experiences celebrating  
20 years of impact and bringing you closer to other young  
elected leaders pursuing change.

**Stay tuned for a draft agenda, featured speakers and more!**





## Scholarships

Are you a YEO member and need support joining us in Washington? Apply for a convening scholarship.

## About the Network

Learn more about the YEO Network and our two decades of progressive impact.

## Join the Network

Are you a young elected leader looking for a network of support? Join 1,300+ in all 50 states.

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