

ThisGEN: Youth Summit

MISSION: ThisGEN's central mission is support the youth leaders that will end gender-based violence in all of its forms: sexual violence, domestic violence, and systemic violence against cis and trans, queer and straight, and all communities. Our bold, and radical goal is to be able to end gender-based violence in one generation! And that revolution begins with you!

Many of the current social movements and even our own Civil Rights movement were powered by youth We, the youth of today, are the future. It is our determination and our dedication for justice that will propel many of our movements into the future. ThisGEN realizes that the movement we build is not a singular issue. The radical love that we center our revolution around is something that can power an intersectional movement.

ThisGEN is strongly dedicated to the representation of the diversity that is in our communities. We work towards a better future—one where everyone is able to reach their fullest potential, and humanity is valued above all. ThisGEN hopes to create new systems that serve everyone, and not just a select few. The systems we seek to create are ones that value compassion and social equity to correct the historic oppression of people's ethnicity, race, gender, sex, sexuality, documentation status, class, and ability.

We imagine a world that we hope we create with you! Our collective, shared, and connected experiences will allow us to move forth to seek each other's liberation. The revolution we want to live into is one that is strongly committed to non-violence. Audre Lorde said that "The master's tools will never dismantle the master's house." We cannot undo the system with the tools that it was created with: extraction, exploitation, and domination—if we use these tools we can only reinforce them. The liberation we seek is deeply rooted in love and compassion for one another. Each one of us is capable of becoming a part of the revolution, and it will take everyone to make the future we seek our reality.

VALUES:

- Intersectional approaches
- Inclusive practices
- Systems change
- Diversity in community, thoughts, experience, and lenses
- Justice and liberation for all
- For and by youth, youth-led