



GCDE Youth Empowerment Summit (YES) Agenda

Friday, August 1, 2025 – 1:00-4:00pm PDT

- **1:00pm – Welcome and Opening Remarks, Ground Rules, Survey** – Kristin DiBiase (YES Chair); Yvonne Bussler-White (GCDE Chair); Jaida Barrows (GCDE Member); and Lucas Doelman (YES Co-Vice Chair) – 15 min
- **1:15pm – Part I: What is Ableism?** – Kristin DiBiase; Nancy Zellers (GCDE Member); Angela Romeo (GCDE Member); Napal Tesfai (GCDE Member); Jaida Barrows – 35 min
- **1:50pm – Group Exercise: Ways to Counteract Ableism (Scenarios)** – Kristin DiBiase – 10 min
- **2:00pm – Break** (10 min)
- **2:10pm – Part II: Disability Pride** – Angela Romeo; Elaine Stefanowicz (GCDE Staff) – 15 min
 - **Rebecca Muchmore – Guest Speaker** (10 min)
 - **Breakout rooms** – Lucas Doelman; Jaida Barrows; Angela Romeo; Nancy Zellers; Lyn Sowdon [GCDE Member] (15 min)
 - **Big Group Takeaway** – Kristin DiBiase; Volunteer (5 min)
- **2:55pm – Break** (10 min)
- **3:05pm – Part III: How to get Involved and Advocate on the Next Level** – Kristin DiBiase; Lyn Sowdon; Autumn Harris (YES Co-Vice Chair) – 15 min
 - **Sunshine Cheng – Guest Speaker** (10 min)
 - **Breakout rooms** – Kristin DiBiase; Jaida Barrows; Angela Romeo; Dave Carl (GCDE Member); Lucas Doelman; Nancy Zellers; Lyn Sowdon; Elaine Stefanowicz (15 min)
 - **Big Group Takeaway** – Kristin DiBiase; Volunteer (5 min)
- **3:50 pm –Q&A, Survey, Closing Remarks** – Kristin DiBiase (10 min)