

The Gathering for Justice / Justice League CA
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GUILD

Growing Up Locked Down

OXNARD

3 DAY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONFERENCE

October 13 - 15, 2016

OXNARD COLLEGE

Oxnard, California

ABOUT THE GATHERING FOR JUSTICE

The Gathering for Justice is a social justice organization founded by Harry Belafonte in 2005. Led since 2010 by Executive Director Carmen Perez, The Gathering utilizes Kingian nonviolence as a social application for change and civic engagement. The organization is unique in that we provide direct services, engage artists and cultural leaders as foot soldiers in grassroots mobilization, and consult and advise on legislative and policy initiatives while organizing in local and national communities – all to sustain and build this Movement, the essence of which is grounded in the Movement for Racial Equality. Some of The Gathering's programming includes running arts, culture and leadership workshops inside the Bronx Horizons Juvenile Detention and training hundreds of young activists in nonviolence, direct action and organizing.

Since 2013, The Gathering for Justice and our task force Justice League NYC, have been building justice reform initiatives on multiple fronts. Our work includes leading policy initiatives for police accountability; bringing in individuals and groups from diverse communities to organize as a 'family coalition' in order to capitalize on our combined power and build the agenda for sustained Black and Brown liberation; engaging a serious and sustained effort for Raise the Age in NY State; and creating a blueprint – in the form of a substantive list of demands – for criminal justice redress and accountability for NY City and State. In April 2015 Justice League led March2Justice, a 250 mile march over 9 days from NYC to Washington DC to deliver 3 pieces of federal legislation to end racial profiling, stop the school-to-prison pipeline and cease the militarization of law enforcement. And in 2014 at The New School in NYC (and coming up in October in Oxnard, CA) Justice League produced the hugely successful Growing Up Locked Down (GULD) – a multi-media 3 day Juvenile Justice Conference featuring over 200 presenters and 800 participants. GULD was notable for its youth-driven content and participation, and the cultural and arts component that was woven into the fabric of the entire Conference. Participants included Cornel West, Bryan Stevenson, Talib Kweli, Chuck D, Jon Batiste, Harry Belafonte, John Forté and Immortal Technique among others. In February 2016, Justice League NYC was honored to be chosen to receive The Chairman's Award at the NAACP Image Awards. JL members used that nationally televised platform and opportunity to raise awareness of the Flint Water Crisis, where Justice League spent over a month delivering truckloads of supplies, and assisting local organizers on the ground.

The Gathering for Justice and Justice League NYC follow a set of guiding principles. We stand on the radical shoulders of Civil Rights leaders and elders like our Founder Mr. Belafonte, who was educated in radical thought by Paul Robeson. We ground ourselves in Kingian nonviolence because we understand the power of nonviolence as a tactic in the struggle for social justice. We are grounded in methodology that fuels and feeds the vital work we do in communities across the country.

The Gathering's newest initiative is the creation of Justice League CA. This coalition of California-based organizers, anti-violence practitioners, artists, activists, formerly-incarcerated individuals and business leaders have joined in true collaboration to develop GULD: OXNARD and create a blueprint for juvenile justice, criminal justice and police reforms in Ventura County and throughout the state.

GULD: OXNARD OVERVIEW

“GROWING UP LOCKED DOWN” (GULD) is a 3-Day multi-media, multi-cultural solutions-based Juvenile Justice Conference being presented by The Gathering for Justice and Justice League CA.

The first GULD Conference took place in September 2014 and was presented by The New School in New York City and produced by Justice League NYC. GULD: NYC included keynote speeches by Harry Belafonte, Bryan Stevenson and Cornel West, panels with criminal justice experts from local, state and national organizations, performances by John Forté, Jon Batiste & The Stay Human Band, Immortal Technique, Rebel Diaz and more, a theater program with youth, and film screenings.

GULD: OXNARD will take place Thursday, October 13 – Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Oxnard College in Oxnard, California in Ventura County. The Conference will include site plenaries with Keynote Speakers, Panels and Workshops led by noted juvenile, criminal and racial justice advocates and activists, special events including an Opening Night Networking Social, site visits to area detention facilities, and a Community Basketball Game of “Artists v Activists” in collaboration with Oxnard’s Police Activities League. GULD: OXNARD will also include a very special “Kick-Off Concert” on Saturday, October 8th which is a featured stop on the #SchoolsNotPrisons tour. #SchoolsNotPrisons is a free music and art tour that is partnering with California communities most impacted by the overuse of punishment and incarceration. The 2016 #SchoolsNotPrisons tour is produced by Revolve Impact, and supported by The California Endowment and The California Wellness Foundation, in partnership with the music and entertainment platform TIDAL.

GULD: OXNARD will also include youth-led programming, nonviolence and direct action trainings, a theater/spoken word program with writings from youth currently detained in the Oxnard Juvenile Justice Complex. There are more than 400 conference participants and more than 150 presenters expected, and the conference promises to attract a great deal of press and attention.

The goal of GULD: OXNARD will be to end the week with the establishment of 2 ‘solutions reports’ – one prepared based on community discussions, the other developed based on GULD’s content – which will be delivered to California’s local and state elected officials, as a viable, implementable blueprint for substantive criminal and juvenile reform.

GULD takes place in a new city every 2 years.

The majority of GULD: OXNARD will take place at Oxnard College’s Performing Arts Center at 4000 S. Rose Avenue.

REGISTRATION IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at: bit.ly/GULDOxnard

GULD: OXNARD SCHEDULE*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

KICK-OFF EVENT: #SchoolsNotPrison Concert

5:30 PM – Doors Open

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Concert at Oxnard Police Activities League (PAL) Teen Center

Produced by Revolve Impact, Police Activities League of Oxnard & The Gathering for Justice

ARTISTS:

CHINO XL

JOHN FORTÉ

IMMORTAL TECHNIQUE

DJ J SCRATCH

MIKE DE LA ROCHA

BUYEPONGO

CECI BASTIDA

KIMYA DAWSON

SOUND EFFECT

ROBERT “GRANDPA” GARCIA

With Host & Deejay MYSTIC

PLUS: Special Appearances by actor Willie Garson & more

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016

OXNARD COMMUNITY DAY

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Registration: Oxnard College Performing Arts Center

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Site Visits to:

- Local Detention Facilities
- Community-Based Organizations
- Detention Alternative Programs
- Alternative Schools

6:30 – 8:30 PM

GULD Opening Night Social

Cocktails & Live Music by SOUND EFFECT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016

7:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Registration: Oxnard College Performing Arts Center

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Opening Plenary: OC Performing Arts Center
Opening Indigenous Ceremony
Morning Invocation led by Nane Alejandrez
Welcome by Carmen Perez
Panel Title: The State of Juvenile Justice in America
Moderator: Carmen Perez
Panelists include: Gina Peralta, Probation Chief Mark Varela and (new) Oxnard Police Chief Scott Whitney

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

WORKSHOPS SESSION #1 – topics to include:

- ***JDAI RED Training***
- ***System Accountability Toolkit***
- ***Re-Entry & Services for Youth***
- ***Mental Health & Trauma-Informed Services***
- ***Incarceration & The Impact On The Family Unit***

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Lunch Break: *Performance at Lunch TBD*

12:45 PM – 2:30 PM

Lunchtime Plenary/Panel Discussion: OC Performing Arts Center
Title: Building & Strengthening Communities of Color
Opens with Performance
Moderator: Former Assemblywoman Lucy Flores
Panelists include: Nane Alejandrez, Aquil Basheer, Angie Junck and Alex Sanchez

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM

WORKSHOPS SESSION #2 – same as Session #1

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Late Afternoon Panel Discussion: OC Performing Arts Center
Title: Positive Alternatives To Incarceration: Community-Based Solutions
Opens with Performance
Moderator TBD
Panelists include:
Terrel Harrison, Hon. Brian Back

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

DINNER BREAK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016 (continued)

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Panel Discussion & Celebrity Basketball Game: Oxnard PAL Center

Panel Title: The Artist's Platform To Advance Social Justice
Moderator TBD

Panelists include: Chino XL, Paul S. Eckstein, Mysonne The General, Mystic, Caleeb Pinkett & Maureen Shea

Celebrity/Community BBall Game – “Artists” vs “Activists”
Hosted by Oxnard's Police Activities League

Deejay: DJ Que

Players include: Mike Ramirez, Paige Hurd, Mysonne The General, Chino XL, Carmen Perez, Trish Pinkett, Vanessa Fields, Hannah Estrada, Curtis Richardson, Lorenzo Booker, Ronney Jenkins, Paul S. Eckstein, Nick Curtis, John McBride, Eddie Mora, Susana Covarrubias, Raul Razo, Josh Pinkard, Melvin Washington, Daniel Crocker and Raj Anderson

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Power Breakfast / Plenary: OC Performing Arts Center

Opening Invocation: TBD

Panel Discussion: Where We Go From Here: A Radical Shift in the 21st Century

Moderator: Tamika Mallory

Panelists include: Former Assemblywoman Lucy Flores, George Galvis and Probation Chief Mark Varela

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Lunch Break and Performance: On the Main Quad

Youth-in-Detention Poetry Slam: OC Performing Arts Center

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Closing Plenary: THE SOLUTIONS

Moderated by Carmen Perez

Participants to be announced

GULD: OXNARD PARTNERS

List in formation

805 Pro Performance
Barrios Unidos
Boys and Girls Club of Oxnard
Harry Belafonte
The California Endowment
California Wellness Foundation
Café on A
Chino XL
City of Oxnard
Community Justice Network for Youth (CJNY)
Communities United For Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ)
Mike de la Rocha
Dj J Scratch
Homies Unidos
Immortal Technique
La Hermandad
National Juvenile Justice Network
Oxnard College EOPS
Oxnard Police Activities League (PAL)
Oxnard Police Department
Professional Community Intervention Training Institute (PCITI)
Revolve Impact
Rico & Mambo Morning Show
#SchoolsNotPrisons
Sound Effect
Ventura County Department of Education
Ventura County Department of Probation
Will & Jada Smith Family Foundation
Youth Justice Coalition