



The LGBTQ+ Institute Advisory Board, Georgia Equality, and the Georgia Youth Justice Coalition present the YOU(th) Advance Georgia Together Advocacy Academy at the IGNYTE 2025

IGNYTE 2025 isn't just an event—it's a movement. This dynamic, three-day experience unites emerging youth leaders, seasoned advocates, business trailblazers, and community changemakers to reimagine what equity looks like across generations. Set against the backdrop of Atlanta Pride and the LGBTQ+ Institute's 10-year anniversary, IGNYTE offers rare access to cutting-edge workshops, bold conversations, and visionary keynote speakers driving real impact across the South and beyond.

If you care about the future of civil and human rights—if you believe in the power of mentorship, collaboration, and youth-led transformation—this is where you belong. Come network, learn, and be part of what's next.

About the Georgia Youth Advocacy Fellowship

The LGBTQ+ Institute at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights is dedicated to cultivating the next generation of changemakers by engaging dynamic and diverse community leaders and organizations committed to advancing human dignity. Rooted in the power of history, we connect LGBTQ+ legacies to present-day advocacy through educational initiatives, social programming, and civic engagement—particularly within the U.S. South.

From October 9–12, we will host 25 young adult advocates from across Georgia for the second annual IGNYTE Symposium and Advocacy Academy. This experience was co-designed by the inaugural cohort of the Georgia Youth Advocacy Fellowship (GYAF) and the Advisory Board of the LGBTQ+ Institute.

Set against the powerful backdrop of The Center, participants will take part in a two-day in-person academy exploring LGBTQ+ advocacy history (October 10th and 11th), the legislative landscape, and David Fleischer's method of Deep Canvassing—a vital approach to building bridges across political differences. These FREE learning and development opportunities will continue throughout the 2025 academic cycle via monthly virtual sessions.



Day 1 | Thursday, October 9 from 5pm - 7pm:

IGNYTE with Pride Meet & Greet

- 5:00 - 7:00 pm IGNYTE Meet and Greet
- 6:15 pm: Welcome in Pre-Function Area
- 6:20 pm: Fireside Chat with Vinci Tripi, curator Expanding Horizons “Blossom & Wilt” Exhibit

Day 2 | Friday, October 10th from 9am - 5pm

10:50AM — 11:50AM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
1 hr	100 Ivan Allen Blvd, Angela Davis Room (Glenn A)	Activism & Community Building	Members of the 2024-25 GYAF Cohort will come together to learn about the importance of art as a tool for story-telling, community impact, and self-expression in the field of activism. This workshop will teach the history of zinemaking, how it can be used collaboratively, and will bring the art created collectively during the session to create a zine that the participants will be able to take home.	Warda Mustafa-Quintana <wmustafaq@gmail.com>

1:30 PM — 2:30 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
1 hr	100 Ivan Allen Blvd, Angela Davis Room (Glenn A)	Relational Organizing during an Anti Progressive Legislation	In this moment of heightened anti-progressive legislation—where attacks on bodily autonomy, racial justice, queer and trans rights, and community care are escalating—how do we organize in ways that are	Nkenge Browner <nkenge@motheringjustice.org> Piper Lovemore piper@motheringjustice.org



			rooted, resilient, and relationship-driven? This workshop explores the power of relational organizing as both a strategy and a survival tool in hostile political environments. This is a space for participants to map their own networks of influence. Whether you're a seasoned organizer or new to movement work, this session will offer practical tools and grounded frameworks for building power through connection.	
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2:40 PM — 3:40 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
1 hour	100 Ivan Allen Blvd, Angela Davis Room (Glenn A)	Different Spaces, Different Approaches: Beyond the Federal Election Landscape.	The representation of LGBTQ+ advocates in elected positions has increased significantly over the last five years. This workshop seeks to educate advocates on effective ways to stay engaged and be informed. This in-depth action planning workshop will integrate advocacy and even artistic and cultural programming, to encourage increased engagement in education (School Boards), municipal elections (City Council) while holding local elected officials accountable for priority issues that impact marginalized communities in 2024. "Advocacy starts at home."	The Global Trans Equity Project Devin Barington Ward



Day 3 | Saturday, October 11, 2024 : 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
50 min	100 Ivan Allen Blvd, Angela Davis Room (Glenn A)	Building Unlikely Coalitions: The Moveable Middle and Interrogating Cancel Culture	Inspired by David Fliescher's notion of Deep Canvassing, this session offers pathways for advocates wishing to build coalitions with people who, at the onset, seem to disagree. Deep canvassing involves candid, two-way conversations where people share relevant, emotionally significant experiences and reflect on them aloud. Through principles of Teamwork, Empathy and Understanding, Open-Ended Questions, Reinforcing Values, and Patience and Reflection, how have LGBTQ+ advocates in Georgians been able to advance LGBTQ+ rights and mitigate harm with unlikely allies?	The Global Trans Equity Project Georgia State Representative Park Cannon

12:10 PM - 1:10 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
1 hour	100 Ivan Allen Blvd, Angela Davis Room (Glenn A)	Out of the Binary: Advocating for Gender-Affirming Care Beyond HRT	Gender-affirming care is more than access to hormones or medical interventions—it's about the right to live authentically, free from political and legislative interference. In this workshop, youth advocates will explore the broader landscape of gender-affirming care, including social, emotional, and community-based	Sincere Porter Sincerep@feministcenter.org



			support. We'll discuss how HRT is just one piece of a larger human rights issue, and equip participants with the tools to advocate for inclusive, equitable policies that affirm all gender identities—within schools, healthcare systems, and legislative spaces across Georgia.	
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Day 4 | Sunday, October 12, 2025: 10am - 4pm- March with the LGBTQ+ Institute at Atlanta Pride!