Young Leaders Caucus Newsletter

April 2024

Our Next Quarterly Call Is Just Around the Corner

Did you miss the last call? Do you want to know what is going on in the Young Leaders Caucus and how to get plugged in? Here is your chance!

Join us on **Monday, April 15 at 8PM EST** as we share updates on all things YLC and even have a special guest speaker - Sarah Long, Project Manager for Survey Administration and Analysis with the ACS CAN. Don't miss it!

👉 **Join the Quarterly Call Here** 👈

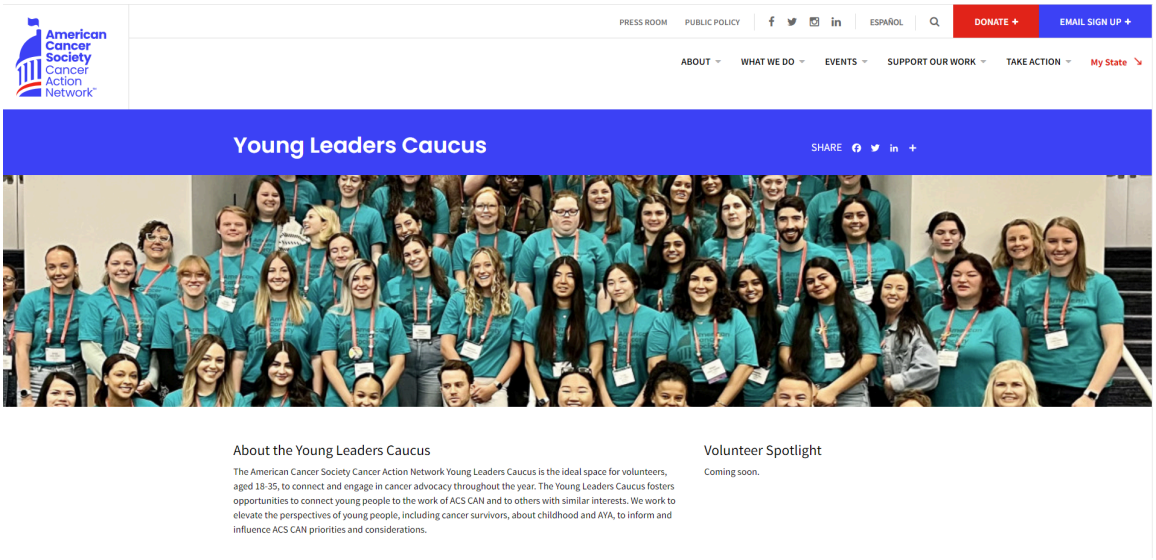
Digital CancerCon 2024

There are lots of wonderful organizations doing work in the cancer research, advocacy, and resources space. Hosted by Stupid Cancer, Digital CancerCon is "THE gathering for the adolescent and young adult cancer community… bringing together hundreds of patients, survivors, advocates and health professionals to learn, share, and build community."

Fully virtual, the event takes place **April 18 - April 20**. Learn More and Register Here!

Check Out Our Website!

The new ACS CAN Young Leaders Caucus website is your go-to resource for the YLC! Access resources, events, photos, and working group updates 24/7 by visiting fightcancer.org/ylc.



Cancer Votes

The Cancer Votes 2024 program is LIVE! All ACS CAN volunteers can register as Cancer Votes volunteers, where they can participate in Cancer Votes activities now through the November election. Efforts will focus on federal races - Presidential, Senate, and House, asking candidates to sign the "Cancer Promise" to pledge their support for evidence-based policies to support ending cancer as we know it, for everyone. Here are the four steps to get started:

- Take the training https://www.cancervotes.org/training.
- Receive your Cancer Votes Volunteer Kit in the mail (includes a T-shirt, yard sign, button, and palm card with the Cancer Promise and questions).
- Check your inbox for Cancer Votes assignments, campaigns, and incentives throughout the year!
- Join the #cancervotes channel in our Slack to collaborate throughout the year on Cancer Votes activities and help influence incentive and challenge programs!

Fireside Chat

Join us on **May 13th, 2024 at 7PM EST**, as the YLC hosts a public-facing virtual fireside chat where we will be sharing the stories of AYA cancer survivors and discussing how advocacy can alleviate cancer disparities. We hope you will join us!

Keep an eye out for an invitation and more information, but if you want to help us plan this event or are willing to share your story, please contact Olivia Mannion, Hannah Groth, or Sam Keimweiss via Slack and we will add you to the conversation!

Tobacco Control

Last year, ACS CAN won a ruling against major tobacco companies which requires 200,000 stores across the country to put up signage warning consumers of the dangers of tobacco usage. ACS CAN has asked for our help in checking to see if those stores are following the rules, and we are planning some widespread activation to get us out and checking! If you want to help plan, message Megha Mathur or Sam Keimweiss on Slack, and keep an eye on the *#general* channel for opportunities to make a difference!

Voices of Hope

There is an exciting new opportunity to recognize powerful voices in the fight against cancer! Voices of Hope is an ACS program that allows cancer survivors, caregivers, and anyone else to share their cancer story and be one of the faces of ACS. They are making a real push to increase the youth and diversity of their stories, and they want to work with us! If you have a story you feel comfortable sharing or know of someone who does, please nominate them/yourself here!

Stay Connected and Join the Slack!

In addition to the work, the Young Leaders Caucus is about community - so join ours!

If you haven't already, join us on Slack and stay up-to-date on all of the ACS CAN action, get involved in a working group, or just meet new people. Of course, don't forget to introduce yourself in the "#introductions" channel!

Volunteer for ACS CAN

Outside of the Young Leaders Caucus, there are volunteers working across the country to help ACS CAN achieve its legislative priorities. Visit fightcancer.org to find your state team, learn more about the work, or find other unique ways to get involved!

Share with Others

Do you know other young ACS CAN leaders? If so, invite them to join the Young Leaders Caucus!

Just forward this email to friends or colleagues and invite them to fill out the Young Leaders Caucus Interest Form. Once they complete the form, a member of our team will reach out and get them connected. It's that easy!