



LGBTQ+ Institute and OUR Turn Georgia present the Youth Chat and Advocacy Space at the 2024 LGBTQ+ Symposium:

The LGBTQ+ Institute, OUT Georgia, The Trevor Project, and Dr. Lulu's PRIDE Corner co-present the 2024 LGBTQ+ Symposium: Investing in Our Future, which is an effort to mobilize communities across Georgia and the South with a shared commitment to the next generation of leaders. In a celebration of Pride Month in Atlanta, given that the Atlanta Pride Festival and Parade is in October, this 3-day event will include an opening reception and keynote at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, a second day of workshops, panels centering parents of LGBTQIA+ children while prioritizing mentorship and support for youth, and a final day of workshops and a community marketplace.

About our Teen Chat and Advocacy Space

In recognition of the current political and civic climate, Our Turn Atlanta will host a Youth Chat and Advocacy space where participants will have the opportunity to discuss their feelings around the issue and find community while doing so. The advocacy space will be a listening session where students will talk about their experiences in these times, the intersections of their issues with others, and their mental health. The goal of this space is to ensure that the 2024 LGBTQ+ Symposium is doing the work to ensure that its participants can speak on the issues that matter most to them both foreign and domestic. The session will be moderated by Our Turn Staff, Evan Malbrough, who will ask guiding questions to facilitate a dialogue that allows students to safely express how they feel and what they want to see done.

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Day 1 | Thursday, June 6 from 6pm - 9pm:

Opening reception and Safara Malone keynotes at National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Read more details at: www.lgbtq-symposium.org



Day 2 | Friday, June 7

11:45 AM — 12:35 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
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50 min	Georgia State University Student Center, Room TBD	Teen Community Building Session	In this introductory, community building session youth will get to know one another, identify the advocacy issues that matter to them, and begin to align on community norms that ensure the space is both a safe and brave space.	Evan Malbrough
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1:55 PM — 2:40 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
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50 min	Georgia State University Student Center, Room TBD	A Syllabus of Being Involved	Learn the basics of civic engagement and how each of us came individually to support change and collectively change systems.	Evan Malbrough
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2:45 PM — 3:35 PM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
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50 min	Georgia State University Student Center, Room TBD	How to Engage in Civic Dialogue	A moderated and distributive dialogue centered around policy issues that young people are prioritizing this election year. From LGBTQ+ rights or women's rights to racial justice or the wars happening abroad, we will center how to engage in civil and respectful dialogue.	Evan Malbrough
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Day 3 | Saturday, June 8

8:30 AM - 9:20 AM	Location	Workshop	Description	Moderators
50 min	National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Mezzanine Space adjacent to Human Rights Gallery	What's Next: Turning Ideas into Action	A policy workshop on the power of youth movements and how we can take what we learned from them and turn them into action. The GA Legislative session begins in January of 2025. How can teens be prepared to ensure their voices and impact are felt?	Evan Malbrough