

MEDIA ADVISORY
For events occurring April 30, 2016

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Youth For Justice Hold Annual Youth Leader Summit This Saturday at Alcohol Justice

Food, Music, Facilitated Sharing, Medicinal Herb Gardening, Alcohol & Marijuana Prevention



SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA (APRIL 29, 2016) – Youth For Justice, a community-building project of alcohol industry watchdog Alcohol Justice, is holding their Annual Youth Leader Summit this Saturday at the offices of Alcohol Justice in the Canal neighborhood of San Rafael. The summit, sponsored by the San Rafael Alcohol and Drug Coalition, will bring together youth leaders from Marin and other Bay Area communities, providing a supportive forum for networking, peer-learning and special guest presentations.

The theme for this year is "Healing" -- self, community, Mother Earth. Through a facilitated process, participant groups and individuals will share their healing practices; what has helped them to navigate through difficult times. Participants will also share their commitment to making a difference by sharing their visions and stories of activism to reduce harm in their communities.

"We are helping a new generation of young people become the future leaders of Marin and the Bay Area, said Maite Durán, Community Organizer at Alcohol Justice and Youth For Justice Leader. "The summit will help young people see the whole picture, not just that 'alcohol and drugs are bad'. We want them to take away that truly successful leaders are people who take care of themselves, are healthy and strong, physically, mentally, spiritually, and that alcohol or other drugs do not play a role in their lives."

What: Youth Leadership Summit: Celebrating Community, Food, Music, Activism, & Gardening **When:** Saturday, April 30, 2016, 12:00 noon to 5:00 P.M.

Where: Main Conference Room, Alcohol Justice, 24 Belvedere St., San Rafael, CA 94901 Who:

- John Mahkewa, Peacemaker, Hopi Tribe Member, Resident of Quechan Reservation, Yuma-AZ
- Human Assembly, Band
- Members of the San Rafael Alcohol and Drug Coalition:
 - Alcopop Free Zone® Marin Coalition
 - Bay Area Community Resources
 - o Canal Welcome Center

- o Canal Community Businesses, Parents & Residents
- o Comite De Acción Communitaria
- First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael
- La Plaza Market
- Project Avary Peacemakers
- Trips for Kids
- The Recovery Station TV Series
- University of San Francisco School of Nursing
- Alcohol Justice

Youth For Justice is grateful for the generous supporters of this year's Annual Youth Leader Summit: San Rafael Alcohol and Drug Coalition, University of San Francisco, Florencio González, American Soil, Picante Taqueria, and Alcohol Justice.





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