



Muslim Youth Leadership Summit July 23-24, 2022 Schedule

Saturday

9:45 AM - Arrival/Check-in

10:00- 10:45 AM - Welcome

with Imam Kenneth Nuriddin (Philadelphia Masjid) and Ahmet Tekelioglu, Asiyah Jones, and Zeynep Emanet (CAIR-Philadelphia)

11:00-12:00 PM Session 1: Leadership 101

with Charles Barr (gun violence prevention activist), Wafai Dias, and Dr. Rashidah Abdul-Khabeer (health equity/human rights activist)

This panel features Muslim leaders in our community who are currently doing on the ground work around issues being faced both locally and internationally. They will discuss both their work and how being Muslim comes to play in these spaces. Students will join breakout groups for an interactive campaign activity led by the panelists.

12:00- 1:00 PM - Session 2: Racial Justice

Sharif El-Mekki (Founder & Director of Center for Black Educator Development and Nationally Recognized former Principal of Mastery Shoemaker)

In this session we will have a conversation on racism and equity in our communities/schools. Students will learn about critical race theory and how we understand/operationalize in schools. Students will spend time reflecting on their schools/communities and walk away with the skills to know how to speak up for themselves and others to ensure their schools are providing equitable environments for ALL students.

1:00-2:15 PM - Lunch & Dhuhr

2:30-3:30 PM - Session 3: Advocacy Through the Media

Aliya Khabir (AZK Communications LLC)

Students will hear from a Philly-native communications professional on the role the media plays in advocacy, address the importance of social media in advocacy, and learn how to use social media to advocate for a cause. Students will work in groups to plan/create their own media campaign.

3:30- 4:30 PM - Session 4: Organizing and Advocacy

with Dr. Hirotoishi Nishikawa (Japanese American Citizens League) & Peter Pedemonti (New Sanctuary Movement)

This panel features leaders who work at social justice organizations in Philadelphia. Panelists will discuss their organizing efforts and how their organization goes about advocating for its target population. Students will participate in a team building/organizing activity.



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10:00-11:30 AM - Session 5: School District Leadership & CAIR-Philadelphia Campaigns

Ahmet Tekelioglu and Asiyah Jones (CAIR-Philadelphia)

Students will reflect on both the positive and negative aspects of their schools to come up with solutions on how to create change for this upcoming school year. Does your school cafeteria have halal options; do you have a place to pray while in school; do your textbooks mention Islam in an accurate way? Students will learn how to advocate for their rights and plan implementation. Students will get the opportunity to see applied activism in the example of ongoing CAIR-Philadelphia campaigns.

11:30- 12:30 PM - Session 6: Young Leaders in Muslim History

Imam Arqum Rashid (Islamic Society of Central Delaware & Riwaq Institute)

You are never too young to be a leader. In this session students will put their islamic knowledge to the test. This session will teach our thriving young leaders about other young leaders in Muslim history. Learn the stories of these young Muslims in an interactive session by a young leader himself.

12:30-2:00 PM - Lunch and Dhuhr

2:00-3:00 - Session 7: Diversity/Inclusion/Education: Conflict to Communication

Dr. Quaiser Abdullah (Statera Coaching and Quba Institute)

This session will include a discussion about understanding our differences and educating others. Students will learn best practices for processing conflict and communication when it comes to diversity and inclusion. Students will participate in an inclusion activity to ensure that they are aware of the diversity of our world and ensure that spaces will be inclusive to themselves and others.

3:00-4:00 PM - Session 8: Discovering Your Passion - Storytelling/Spoken Word

Imam Idris Abdul-Zahir (Masjidullah), Sarah Baig (spoken word artist), & Abhar Nissar (Kashmir activist)

Discovering what you are passionate about often takes years to figure out, but there are many creative ways to discover and explore your passions. Whether you create a film, write a book, or maybe prepare a spoken word piece there are many ways to creatively explore what you are passionate about. In this session students will learn stories of local leaders who have found ways to express their passion. Students will be able to reflect on their own passions. Then to close up the summit students will watch a live spoken word performance.

4:00-4:30 - Debrief and Thank You