

CPYD Coalition Town Hall and ROSC Council Meeting
Safe Space: To Affinity and Beyond!
May 10, 2023 || 6:30AM-8:00PM
Trickster Art Gallery (190 S. Roselle Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173)

Town Hall Philosophy:

This Town Hall was youth-inspired, created, and led with a focus on prevention and safe spaces. The Town Hall happens during National Prevention Week (NPW):

- Right before summer (a time teens typically use substances for the first time)
- May is the time to celebrate the previous year's prevention work
- Celebrate the prevention possibilities to come

GOAL: The Goal of the 2023 ROSC Council Meeting is:

- 1) To Gather all Community Sectors,
- 2) Celebrate Safe Spaces in our Community,
- 3) Dream of Future Safe Spaces

Welcome/Introductions/Announcements: The meeting started with Alex and Arya (*D211 YAC members*) welcoming everyone to the meeting, and giving the land acknowledgement to Trickster Cultural Center. Alex And Arya explain that various people/organizations will be given awards as recognition by the youth as being a safe space.

What is a Safe Space

Alex and Arya express the powers of what a safe space can do in the community. Creating safe spaces in the community can prevent substance misuse, violence, suicide, harmful behaviors, adverse mental health, homelessness, poverty, fentanyl poisoning, things that hurt our peers, or stop them from being the amazing humans. If youth have a safe space to communicate what is going on then prevention work can soon follow.

What a Safe Space means to Youth

Meera Pradeepan and Hoffman Estates High School Senior, Tesh Saravanan to present, "Safe Spaces: A Deep Dive" A video and presentation on what a safe space means to students and how places/organizations can become a safe space.

Keynote Speaker

Introduce our keynote speaker. Maya Zimmer is a Senior at Fremd High School, and Lead for March for Our Lives (MFOL) Palatine: Keynote address on youth-led pillars of violence prevention.

RR YAC and YASSA

KYC Rainbow Room YAC and YASSA (Youth Advocate Safe Space Alliance) presented on the importance of youth being able to find safe spaces. Spaces offer youth the ability to feel comfortable and express themselves in a judgment free zone. Coalition members in the room are left to discuss what makes a place a safe space and the importance of why we need safe spaces.

Attendees:

Name	Organization	Sector
Ria Trivedi	CHS	Individual who live in the community
Tristan Podlasek	KYC	Staff
Maya Zimmer	FHS	Individual who live in the community
David Moravel	CHS	Individual who live in the community
Loreto Galvan	KYC	Staff
Carole Rye	Schaumburg Township Library	Mental Health
Bamilee Adeyinka	HEHS	Individual who live in the community
Ashley Anne Borja	HEHS	Individual who live in the community
Emily Gilbert	Schaumburg Township Library	Other
Suzanne Rubin	515 Fitness Inc	Local Business
Paul VanLysebettens	Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	Faith
Chrystal Maxwell	Boys and Girls Club	Mental Health
Kandice Hennig	Alive Center	Mental Health
Carolyn Chan	HEHS	Individual who live in the community
Sidney Underwood	HEHS	Individual who live in the community
Brian Freiman	Freiman Law	Courts
Nick Paszternck	CHS	Individual who live in the community
Hayley Demus	Live4Lali	Mental Health
Nathan Cherry	Illinois National Guard	Law Enforcement
James Escorte	Dupage Habitat For Humanity	Civic/Volunteer Organization
James Paszternak	CHS	Individual who live in the community
Paul Piraino	Schaumburg Township Library	Other
Jennifer Naddeo	Schaumburg Township Library	Other
Justice Newman	Live4Lali	Mental Health
Dan Schnerf	Schaumburg Township Library	Other
Lynne Priest	Arlington Heights Memorial Library	Other
Tesh Saravanan	HEHS	Individual who live in the community

Fatima Galvan-Alva	KYC	Staff
Christi Wessel	State Representative Mussman	Local and State Government Representative
Alex Anderson	Alive Center	Mental Health
Amy Liu		Individual who live in the community
Mary Ann Ogilvie	Schaumburg Township	Local and State Government Representative
Basil Chi		Individual who live in the community
Anthony Chi		Individual who live in the community
Theresa Seyring	Schaumburg Township Library	Other
Shawn Rivera	KYC	Staff
Nikki LaValley	KYC	Staff
Stephanie Vazquez	KYC	Staff
Molly Shawghnessy	KYC	Staff
Stefanie Cortez	KYC	Staff
Jeremy Gavin	KYC	Staff
Jazsmin Lopez	KYC	Staff
Dawn Mass	KYC	Staff
Meera Pradeepan	YAC	Individual who live in the community
Alex Roblado	YAC	Individual who live in the community
Charlie Vaugh	State Representative Mussman	Government
Dan Hanner	KYC	Staff
Andrew Spark	Dupage Habitat for Humanity	Civic/Volunteer Organization
Alejandria Galarza	Arlington Heights Memorial Library	Other
Yassi Delgado	District 211	School
Gina Roxas	Trickster Cultural Center	Civic/Volunteer Organization

