

CREATING CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

2027 ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR



This calendar lists national virtual events hosted by Y-USA and Service Delivery Partners throughout 2027. These events are designed for Y leaders at all levels to connect, learn, and advance the Y’s bold, shared vision of [Creating Connected Communities](#) through the Six Levers of Connection and as we strive towards organizational excellence.

Each month, we’ll focus on activating a specific lever and the available support—including the Organizational Excellence Assessments (OEA) and Practice Area Continuums—to help Ys be more intentional in creating meaningful human connection within their communities. Explore the events below and find opportunities that align with your role and interests. [Registration for these events will open in fall 2026.](#)

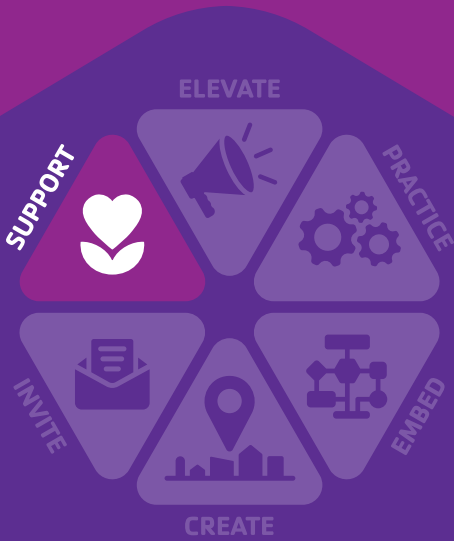
- ▶ **Six Levers of Connection Activation Learning Cohort:** This cohort is designed to deepen participants' understanding of the levers while inspiring and supporting meaningful action. Through a combination of learning, reflection, discussion, and practical application, participants will explore each lever and examine how it can be activated within their community. (All YMCA Staff | Two, 90-Minute Virtual Sessions)
- ▶ **Organizational Excellence Activation Learning Cohort:** The Organizational Excellence Assessment (OEA) is a data-informed framework designed to support every YMCA's pursuit of excellence. The assessment helps associations identify strengths and opportunities across operational and financial areas, while providing consistent data to inform decision-making and continuous improvement efforts. In this cohort, participants will be introduced to the OEA will learn what is assessed, how the assessment is scored, and how to prepare for completion. (CEOs and Senior Leaders Responsible for Association Operational and Financial Performance | 60-Minute Virtual Session)
- ▶ **Leading Practice Showcase:** Every other month, we’ll highlight how YMCA Leading Practices pull one of the Six Levers of Connection and help us strive for organizational excellence, so we can continue to create stronger, more connected communities through our day-to-day work. We’ll also share the available resources and engagement opportunities that support activation within your YMCA. (All YMCA Staff | 90-Minute Virtual Showcase)
- ▶ **National Peer Community Call:** These virtual meetups are scheduled by practice area for Y leaders to share ideas, build connections, and activate the Y’s leading practice strategy. Each call dives into timely topics, real-life examples from local Ys, and practical tools to support your work. Each call is lead by Y-USA Practice Leaders, local Y partners, and the Service Delivery team. (All YMCA Staff | 60-Minute Virtual Meetings)



JANUARY

Support Well-Being

Foster experiences that elevate health and well-being and help all people thrive.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Wednesday, January 6	11 a.m.	National Peer Community Call: Out-of-School Time
Wednesday, January 13	12 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Anti-Hunger
Tuesday, January 19	11 a.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Learning Cohort (Q1 Session 1)
Tuesday, January 26	11 a.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Learning Cohort (Q1 Session 2)

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FEBRUARY

Embed Connection Everywhere

Design and deliver experiences that create connection.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Tuesday, February 2	11 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Advocacy National Peer Community Call: Facility and Property National Peer Community Call: Global Relations and Community Engagement (GRACE)
Wednesday, February 3	11 a.m.	National Peer Community Call: Out-of-School Time
Thursday, February 4	11 a.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Teens National Peer Community Call: Health and Wellness
Friday, February 5	12 p.m.	Leading Practice Showcase: Embed Connection Everywhere
Monday, February 8	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Finance
Tuesday, February 9	11:30 a.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Innovation and Strategic Planning National Peer Community Call: Information Technology
Wednesday, February 10	11 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership National Peer Community Call: Anti-Hunger National Peer Community Call: Sports
Thursday, February 11	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Child Abuse Prevention and Risk Management
Wednesday, February 17	2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Fundraising
Thursday, February 18	12 p.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Project Cohort (Q1 Session 1)
Thursday, February 25	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Overnight Camp

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MARCH

Embed Connection Everywhere

Design and deliver experiences that create connection.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Tuesday, March 2	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Aquatics
Wednesday, March 3	11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Out-of-School Time National Peer Community Call: Mental Health
Thursday, March 4	12 p.m. 2 p.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Project Cohort (Q1 Session 2) National Peer Community Call: Health and Wellness
Monday, March 8	1 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Finance National Peer Community Call: Marketing and Communications
Tuesday, March 9	11:30 a.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Innovation & Strategic Planning National Peer Community Call: Housing
Wednesday, March 10	11 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership National Peer Community Call: Anti-Hunger National Peer Community Call: Human Resources and Leadership Development National Peer Community Call: Sports
Thursday, March 18	12 p.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Project Cohort (Q1 Session 3)
Thursday, March 25	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Overnight Camp

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APRIL

Practice Connection Skills

Develop the skills and reinforce the culture that make meaningful connection possible.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Thursday, April 1	11 a.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Teens National Peer Community Call: Health and Wellness
Friday, April 2	12 p.m.	Leading Practice Showcase: Practice Connection Skills
Tuesday, April 6	11 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Advocacy National Peer Community Call: Facility & Property National Peer Community Call: Global Relations and Community Engagement (GRACE)
Wednesday, April 7	11 a.m.	National Peer Community Call: Out-of-School Time
Thursday, April 8	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Child Abuse Prevention and Risk Management
Monday, April 12	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Finance
Tuesday, April 13	11:30 a.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Innovation & Strategic Planning National Peer Community Call: Information Technology
Wednesday, April 14	11 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership National Peer Community Call: Anti-Hunger National Peer Community Call: Sports
Tuesday, April 20	11 a.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Learning Cohort (Q2 Session 1)
Wednesday, April 21	2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Fundraising
Tuesday, April 27	11 a.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Learning Cohort (Q2 Session 2)
Thursday, April 29	12 p.m. 1 p.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Learning Cohort (Q2 Session 1) National Peer Community Call: Overnight Camp

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MAY

Practice Connection Skills

Develop the skills and reinforce the culture that make meaningful connection possible.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Tuesday, May 4	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Aquatics
Wednesday, May 5	11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Out-of-School Time National Peer Community Call: Mental Health
Thursday, May 6	2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Health and Wellness
Monday, May 10	1 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Finance National Peer Community Call: Marketing and Communications
Tuesday, May 11	11:30 a.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Innovation & Strategic Planning National Peer Community Call: Housing
Wednesday, May 12	11 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership National Peer Community Call: Anti-Hunger National Peer Community Call: Human Resources and Leadership Development National Peer Community Call: Sports
Thursday, May 13	12 p.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Project Cohort (Q2 Session 2)
Thursday, May 27	12 p.m. 1 p.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Project Cohort (Q2 Session 3) National Peer Community Call: Overnight Camp

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JUNE

Create Connected Spaces

Build physical and digital environments that spark interaction and create access and belonging for all.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Tuesday, June 1	11 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Advocacy National Peer Community Call: Facility and Property National Peer Community Call: Global Relations and Community Engagement (GRACE)
Wednesday, June 2	11 a.m.	National Peer Community Call: Out-of-School Time
Thursday, June 3	11 a.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Teens National Peer Community Call: Health and Wellness
Friday, June 4	12 p.m.	Leading Practice Showcase: Create Connected Spaces
Tuesday, June 8	11:30 a.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Innovation and Strategic Planning National Peer Community Call: Information Technology
Wednesday, June 9	11 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership National Peer Community Call: Anti-Hunger National Peer Community Call: Sports
Thursday, June 10	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Child Abuse Prevention and Risk Management
Monday, June 14	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Finance
Wednesday, June 16	2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Fundraising
Thursday, June 24	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Overnight Camp
Tuesday, June 29	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Aquatics
Wednesday, June 30	12:30 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Mental Health

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JULY

Create Connected Spaces

Build physical and digital environments that spark interaction and create access and belonging for all.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Thursday, July 1	2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Health and Wellness
Tuesday, July 13	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Housing
Wednesday, July 14	11 a.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership National Peer Community Call: Human Resources and Leadership Development
Tuesday, July 20	11 a.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Learning Cohort (Q3 Session 1)
Tuesday, July 27	11 a.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Learning Cohort (Q3 Session 2)
Thursday, July 29	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Overnight Camp

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AUGUST

Elevate Connection

Use shared language and stories to strengthen purpose and connection.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Tuesday, August 3	11 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Advocacy National Peer Community Call: Facility and Property National Peer Community Call: Global Relations and Community Engagement (GRACE)
Wednesday, August 4	11 a.m.	National Peer Community Call: Out-of-School Time
Thursday, August 5	2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Health and Wellness
Friday, August 6	12 p.m.	Leading Practice Showcase: Elevate Connection
Monday, August 9	1 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Finance National Peer Community Call: Marketing Communications
Tuesday, August 10	11:30 a.m.	National Peer Community Call: Innovation and Strategic Planning
Wednesday, August 11	11 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership National Peer Community Call: Anti-Hunger National Peer Community Call: Sports
Thursday, August 12	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Child Abuse Prevention and Risk Management
Wednesday, August 18	2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Fundraising
Thursday, August 26	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Overnight Camp

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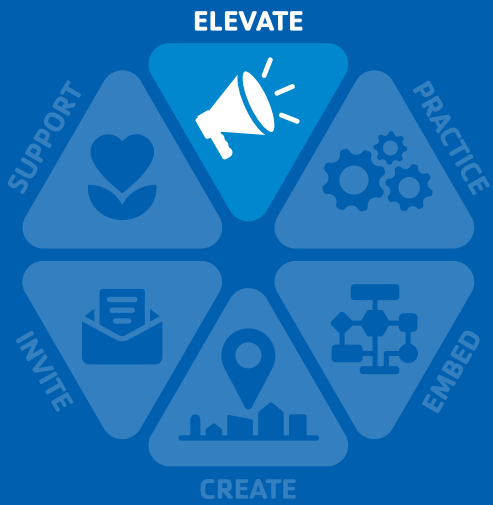
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SEPTEMBER

Elevate Connection

Use shared language and stories to strengthen purpose and connection.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Wednesday, September 1	11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Out-of-School Time National Peer Community Call: Mental Health
Thursday, September 7	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Aquatics
Wednesday, September 8	11 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership National Peer Community Call: Anti-Hunger National Peer Community Call: Human Resources and Leadership Development National Peer Community Call: Sports
Monday, September 13	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Finance
Tuesday, September 14	11:30 a.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Innovation and Strategic Planning National Peer Community Call: Housing
Tuesday, September 14	12 p.m.	Organizational Excellence Assessment (OEA) Activation Learning Cohort
Wednesday, September 29	12 p.m.	Organizational Excellence Assessment (OEA) Activation Learning Cohort
Thursday, September 30	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Overnight Camp

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OCTOBER

Invite Contribution

Provide opportunities for people to share their time, talents, and voices to create change.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Friday, October 1	12 p.m.	Leading Practice Showcase: Invite Contribution
Tuesday, October 5	11 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Advocacy National Peer Community Call: Facility and Property National Peer Community Call: Global Relations and Community Engagement (GRACE)
Wednesday, October 6	11 a.m.	National Peer Community Call: Out-of-School Time
Thursday, October 7	11 a.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Teens National Peer Community Call: Health and Wellness
Monday, October 11	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Finance
Tuesday, October 12	11:30 a.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Innovation and Strategic Planning National Peer Community Call: Information Technology
Wednesday, October 13	11 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership National Peer Community Call: Anti-Hunger National Peer Community Call: Sports
Thursday, October 14	1 p.m. 12 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Child Abuse Prevention and Risk Management Organizational Excellence Assessment (OEA) Activation Learning Cohort
Monday, October 18	2:30 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Marketing and Communications
Tuesday, October 19	11 a.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Learning Cohort (Q4 Session 1)
Wednesday, October 20	2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Fundraising
Thursday, October 21	12 p.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Project Cohort (Q4 Session 1)
Tuesday, October 26	11 a.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Learning Cohort (Q4 Session 2)
Thursday, October 28	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Overnight Camp

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NOVEMBER

Invite Contribution

Provide opportunities for people to share their time, talents, and voices to create change.



DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Tuesday, November 2	11 a.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Out-of-School Time National Peer Community Call: Aquatics
Wednesday, November 3	12:30 a.m.	National Peer Community Call: Mental Health
Thursday, November 4	12 p.m. 2 p.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Project Cohort (Q4 Session 2) National Peer Community Call: Health and Wellness
Monday, November 8	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Finance
Tuesday, November 9	11:30 a.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Innovation and Strategic Planning National Peer Community Call: Housing
Wednesday, November 10	11 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership National Peer Community Call: Anti-Hunger National Peer Community Call: Human Resources and Leadership Development National Peer Community Call: Sports
Thursday, November 18	12 p.m. 1 p.m.	Six Levers of Connection Activation Project Cohort (Q4 Session 3) National Peer Community Call: Overnight Camp



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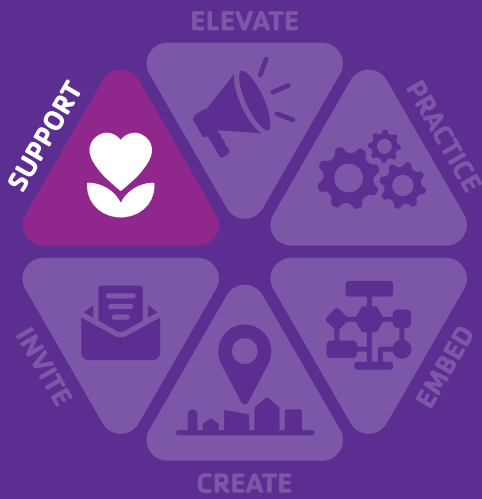
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DECEMBER

Support Well-Being

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DATE	TIME (CT)	EVENT
Thursday, December 2	11 a.m. 2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Teens National Peer Community Call: Health and Wellness
Friday, December 3	12 p.m.	Leading Practice Showcase: Support Well-Being
Tuesday, December 7	11 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Advocacy National Peer Community Call: Facility and Property National Peer Community Call: Global Relations and Community Engagement (GRACE)
Wednesday, December 8	11 a.m.	National Peer Community Call: Membership
Thursday, December 9	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Child Abuse Prevention and Risk Management
Monday, December 13	1 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Finance National Peer Community Call: Marketing and Communications
Tuesday, December 14	1 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Information Technology
Wednesday, December 15	2 p.m.	National Peer Community Call: Fundraising

Happy holidays! We'll see you next year.