

7th Anatolia Youth Leadership Jam

August 23-30, 2017, Mardin, Turkey

"This week opened the door of personal awareness and inner transformation for me. I am grateful to the process, to the tools we have used, to the facilitators, to participants that opened up their hearts. Jam has been a significant and transformative moment in my life."

Anıl Çizmecioglu, 29, photographer and filmmaker, Denizli, Turkey



2nd Anatolia Arts for Social Change Jam

April 3-8, 2017, Izmir, Turkey

"You poured down drops of inspiration to my soul and helped me make peace with the artist side that burns inside me, the side that is my most precious, what makes me me. Now I know that I had to find myself first so that I would not betray myself."

Özgül Sagdıç, 34, independent actress, Istanbul, Turkey

98% of Jam participants feel the Jam strengthened their self-awareness and will lead them to be more conscious and confident in their life and work.



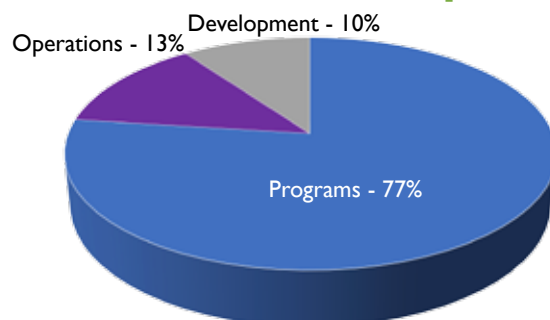
5th Arts for Social Change Jam

July 2-7, 2017, Bay Area, USA

"I have never thought I could love, trust and be vulnerable with a group of strangers, but the Jam changed that. I faced my worst fears and was able to overcome them. It has been a long time since I have laughed so much, collaborated so much, played so much, been so inspired, and felt like I belonged... **Everything I have ever wanted from community found me here.** I am left without want, ready and equipped to do my work for the world."

Zachary Greer, 31, Visual Artist, Rock Paper Scissors Collective, Oakland, California

YES! Annual Expenses - \$320,488 Oct 1, 2016 – Sept 30, 2017



Unaudited numbers indicate a balanced budget, and an unrestricted general reserve funds balance (as of September 30, 2017) of \$165,780. Our general funds, along with our restricted funds, are held in our local social justice focused community credit union. If you would like to see a more detailed statement of activity, please contact us.

BIG THANKS to the many generous people, foundations, partners and participants who co-created this fantastic year! For a complete list of 2016-17 contributors, please visit: www.yesworld.org/support/givingthanks

We could not share all the details of our work with you in this Annual Report, as we aim to minimize paper consumption. To read more information about our past and upcoming programs, please visit www.yesworld.org and remember to sign up for ongoing updates and news.



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Stay Tuned for 2017-18 Jams

- Egypt Youth Leadership Jam**, Fayoum, Egypt – November 11-17, 2017
- India Arts for Social Change Jam**, Bangalore, India – December 12-17, 2017
- Pakistan Youth Leadership Jam**, Karachi, Pakistan – January 26-31, 2018
- Northeast Changemakers Jam**, New Hampshire, USA – March 2-7, 2018
- Middle East Youth Leadership Jam**, Wadi Rum, Jordan – March 16-23, 2018
- HOME Environmental Jam**, Bay Area, California, USA – March 26-31, 2018
- Queer/LGBTQ* Jam**, Bay Area, California, USA – May 12-18, 2018
- Arts for Social Change / ARTivist Jam**, Bay Area, California, USA – June 18-23, 2018

Find details on www.yesworld.org/connect/jams



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2nd Queer/LGBTQ* Jam

March 10-16, 2017, Bay Area, USA

"This is the first time I have shown up in queer community and instantly felt like I belonged."

This is the first time I have said so many of the things that I needed to say and felt not only witnessed, but with-nessed.

Thank you for teaching me that vulnerability and strength are not contradictions."

Rachel Economy, 29, writer, facilitator, permaculture designer, Berkeley, California, USA

YES! connects, inspires and collaborates with multi-generational changemakers to build thriving, just and regenerative ways of life for all. We work at the meeting point of internal, interpersonal and systemic transformation. Our programs seek to expand the vision, community, and capacities of leaders at all levels — visionaries, artists, social entrepreneurs, activists, and more, to support their unique gifts, their capacities to collaborate and co-liberate, and their power to co-create our world.

98% of Jam participants feel more 'resourced' (in terms of creativity, network, tools, etc.) in their work and life, as a result of their Jam experience.



2nd HOME Environmental Jam

March 28-April 2, 2017, Bay Area, CA

"You have brought me back HOME. **This is truly the most important work we have to do as both humans and stewards of the earth.** I am so excited to continue this work for years to come. I am so full!"

Molly Hoffman, 26, Events Coordinator, PLACE For Sustainable Living, Oakland, California, USA



4th Education Transformation Jam

July 3-9, 2017, Baltimore, MD

"I hadn't realized that the work of reimagining and unlearning could be so full of laughter and tears. That emotions could flow through us to fill spaces and expand understanding. **That the work of Reform, Resistance, Re-creation and Re-imagining could exist together -- in such a fluid way -- blurring the lines of social change and freeing our minds from barriers and structures.** Through this Jam, I have begun to dream into a new experience for my community of learners next year."

Christie Nold, 33, 6th Grade Teacher, Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School, South Burlington, Vermont, USA

6th India Youth Jam



April 13-20, 2017, Himachal Pradesh, India

“Each day you created opportunities for my growth, held me, gave me courage to be myself, to bring out my real self, and that was liberating. **My deep rooted grief was released, and I felt lighter, I felt beautiful, free, as though I had found myself again.**”

Sagar Gangurde, 32, Director of Indian Programs, Seeds of Peace, Mumbai, India



9th Middle East Youth Leadership Jam

October 14-21, 2016, Wadi Rum, Jordan

“You opened my doors, collected my shadows and brought them to light. You opened my windows and brought the light in. You opened my paths, and with wisdom, you let me go. You opened my heart, and with love, you let me in. **I'm carrying you with me wherever I go to open other doors, windows, paths and hearts to make a change with the light, wisdom and love for a better world.**”

Hussien Amody, 23, visual artist and humanitarian worker, Gaza, Palestine, and Amman, Jordan



5th Southern Leadership Jam

August 4-9, 2017, Knoxville, USA

“Jam, you showed me the kind of world I want to live in. Together, we built a beloved community that valued every single person in our midst. You showed us a path through personal and societal trauma, and helped us dream about the South we want to build together.”

Lori Fernald Khamala, 39, Director, NC Immigrant Rights Program, American Field Service Committee, Greensboro, North Carolina, USA

4th Evolving + Emerging Economies Jam

April 11-15, 2017, Bay Area, USA

“In these times of much complexity and fear, it is so important that folks around the world come together in these ways to explore new economies and new ways of being in relationship with one another - not only to give us hope and inspiration but to **remember that we are not alone in all this -- we have each other.** I am also deeply grateful for the diversity of this group. It is not often that I have the chance to commune with so many different kinds of folks from so many rich and varied traditions.”

Aerin M Dunford, 43, Co-founder and Champion, La Central de Talentos, Oaxaca, Mexico



6th North America Leadership Jam

September 10-17, 2017, Bay Area, USA

“What I have found is the ability to move myself, my relationships, and my communities in the deepest and most close/vulnerable way possible; **I've found a community that empowers and supports my work at these levels,** and I've come away further centered by how to transform these elements within systems and our society holistically, compassionately and powerfully.”

Hasan Bhatti, 29, Systems Integrator, Ashoka, Washington, DC, USA

You allowed me to finally integrate in the present, my own sense of self and my story, my ancestors, and my future to bring to fruition what I, communities and this world is capable of.

91% of Jam participants feel the Jam strengthened their ability to navigate inner and outer conflicts, and will help them be more effective in their projects and efforts.



3 New Jams in India

India Arts for Social Change Jam:

November 29 - December 4, 2016, Panchgani, India

South India Jam: May 23-28, 2017, Bangalore, India

Delhi Youth Jam: July 5-10, 2017, Uttarkhand, India

“This experience has given me everything that I was seeking for the last several years. I felt a different kind of energy and peace, which I have never felt. **Your positivity will strengthen me in times to come.** I didn't feel that I'm outside, away with strangers. You took care of me in each and every way. The family does even more than family.”

Preeti Singh, 33, Research Coordinator, Gender and Environmental Development, Ranchi, India

3rd Pakistan Youth Leadership Jam



January 26-31, 2017, Karachi, Pakistan

“In this journey, I explored myself, I believed in myself. Now I can trust myself, my relationships, my abilities, and my inner skills. I will use these all skills and practices in my life. And pass them on to others in my community. The Jam legacy is very different, and this unique Jam has made the connection between mind and soul.

It's about creating new hopes and new leaders in community in a positive way.”

Asma Nawaz, 23, Youth Facilitator, Fredrick Nouman Foundation, Lahore, Pakistan