



It's Friday! And all that stands between us and the weekend is this newsletter. And honestly, I'm okay with it. Since we last saw each other (and you looked lovely by the way), we have been hard at work—meeting with young people to figure out how they want to organize in the OYN, determine how to get the data we need to benchmark our change, and leaning into some sprints among a gazillion other things. Quincy and I wanted to update you on these few things—

Building Network Power

Thanks for those brave souls that volunteered or were voluntold to join the Steering Committee! One week from today, we will be coming together to build the foundational strategic document and harness a new way of working together for results for our community. We are lucky enough to leverage some technical assistance by way of the [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#) ala PPL. [School and Main Institute](#) will be working intently with us the first six months to powerfully launch our partnership! Our first meeting will be on Friday, May 27 at 10 a.m. Connect with Kristy if you want to join in.

Organizing the Youth Summit

All systems are go for building a youth organizing committee to plan the first summit for Opportunity Youth Network young leaders this August. Our goal will be to build community, power, and to start identifying legislative priorities. If you have not already done so, please connect with Quincy to slot him into meet with your youth leadership structure. Use his [calendar link](#) or shoot him an email at quincy@youthprise.org.

Where are my data nerds at?

Many, many meetings and we are getting *closer to fine*, I mean ready to bring our data group together. We will host a brainstorming session together about what metrics we wish we could get from the state in an intersectional way to feed back to our friends at the Children's Cabinet. No commitment. Yet. ;) Respond to this doodle by 5/26.

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/en5vz87d>

Can't Miss This!

Saturday at 1 p.m.: [World Youth Connect](#) is hosting a Community Conversation on Mental Health. Register [here](#).

[Bridgemakers](#) is recruiting 11-14 year olds with some experience in the justice system to participate in a YPAR project to reimagine middle school. Connect with Jose (jose@bridgemakersmn.org) or DJ (d.brooks@worldyouthconnect.org) to learn more.

What am I doing this weekend you ask? Well, Quincy has already flown out to the Bay Area to attend the Aspen Opportunity Forum Conference. And I am running my very first 10k very reluctantly. Clearly, Quincy made better choices.



Our best,
Kristy & Quincy