



Justice-involved Youth Symposium
Sunday, May 3, 2026 – Monday, May 4, 2026
Advancing Youth Justice, Education and Workforce Opportunities

Sunday, May 3, 2026: Welcome Dinner

- **4:00 PM – 5:00 PM:** Arrival & Registration
- **5:00 PM – 8:00 PM:** Welcome Reception & Dinner
 - **Welcome Remarks:**
 - Dr. Lisette Nieves, President, Fund for the City of New York
 - Dr. Gisele Castro, Chief Executive Officer, exalt
 - **Keynote Speaker:** Andrea Armstrong, Esq., Dr. Norman C. Francis
Distinguished Professor of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Monday, May 4, 2024: Conference Day

- **8:00am – 9:15am:** Light Breakfast
- **9:15am-10:00am:** Welcome Remarks and Opening
 - Dr. Noel S. Anderson, Co-Founder, Center for Youth and the Future of Work, Clinical Professor, Education Leadership & Policy Studies
 - Dr. Aldrin Bonilla, Executive Vice President, Fund for the City of New York
- **10:00am – 11:15am: Panel 1:** Restoring Futures: K-12 Education and the Justice System
 - Dr. Travis Brown, Executive Director and Founding Principal, Pharos Academy
 - Dr. Meisha Porter, Visiting Senior Fellow, The Center for Educational Innovation
 - Dr. Danielle Cox, Chief Executive Officer, Olivers Scholars
 - Dr. Richard Welsh, Associate Professor of Education and Public Policy, Department of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations, Peabody College at Vanderbilt University
- **11:30am – 12:45pm:** Lunch
- **1:00pm – 2:15pm: Panel 2:** Models for Educational and Economic Mobility for Justice-involved Youth
 - Sharif El-Mekki, Chief Executive Officer, The Center for Black Educator Development



- K. Bain, Founder & CEO, Community Capacity Development
 - Alex Griffith, Senior Director of Programs and Court Partnerships
 - Michelle A. Henry, East Region Executive, Corporate Responsibility JP Morgan Chase
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- **2:30pm – 3:30pm: Panel 3: Ecosystem Partners**
 - Dr. Gisele Castro, Chief Executive Officer, exalt
 - Honorable Judge Bruna DiBiase
 - Honorable Judge Gayle Roberts
 - Jordan Stockdale, Deputy Comptroller of Policy, NYC

 - **3:40pm – 4:40pm: Panel 4: Future of Work**
 - Dr. Lisette Nieves, President, Fund for the City of New York
 - Dr. Noel S. Anderson, Co-Founder, Center for Youth and the Future of Work, Clinical Professor, Education Leadership & Policy Studies
 - David Parks, Managing Director, The Skill Mill

 - **6:00pm – 8:30pm: Closing Reception and Dinner**

****Optional and not part of the official programming. We would also like to invite attendees to join on May 2nd for an optional Oxford University Walking Tour from 2:00PM-4:00PM & Dinner at 6:00PM-8:00PM***