



Youth Advocate Leadership Academy (YALA)



WHAT IS YALA?



Youth Advocate Leadership Academy (YALA) exemplifies how YMN supports youth leadership development and organizations incorporating youth leadership efforts and opportunities. YALA is YMN's 20-hour youth leadership development training designed to create a peer-led environment that identifies and builds off each individual's current leadership skills and supports participants to move towards future leadership aspirations within the youth movement, which includes organizational access to YMN's leadership curriculum in online training sessions, self-paced learning, and peer group consults. YALA offers organizations and youth and young adults a collective experience that blends experiential learning with peer-facilitated group discussions and activities that provide opportunities to apply key leadership concepts, all in the name of encouraging organizations to become youth-led and driven like YMN (whose board is mandated to be 60% youth, including the Executive Committee, and the President of the organization).

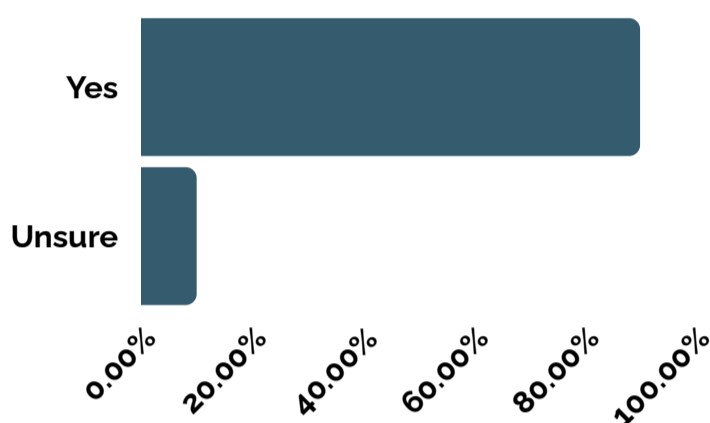


Total Trained Youth / Young Adults in 2023

11



Lived Experience

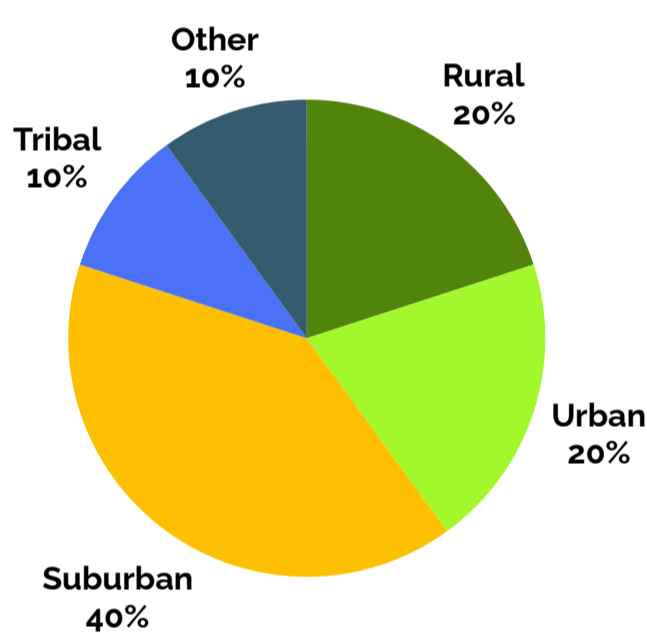


Total Trained Youth / Young Adults in 2024

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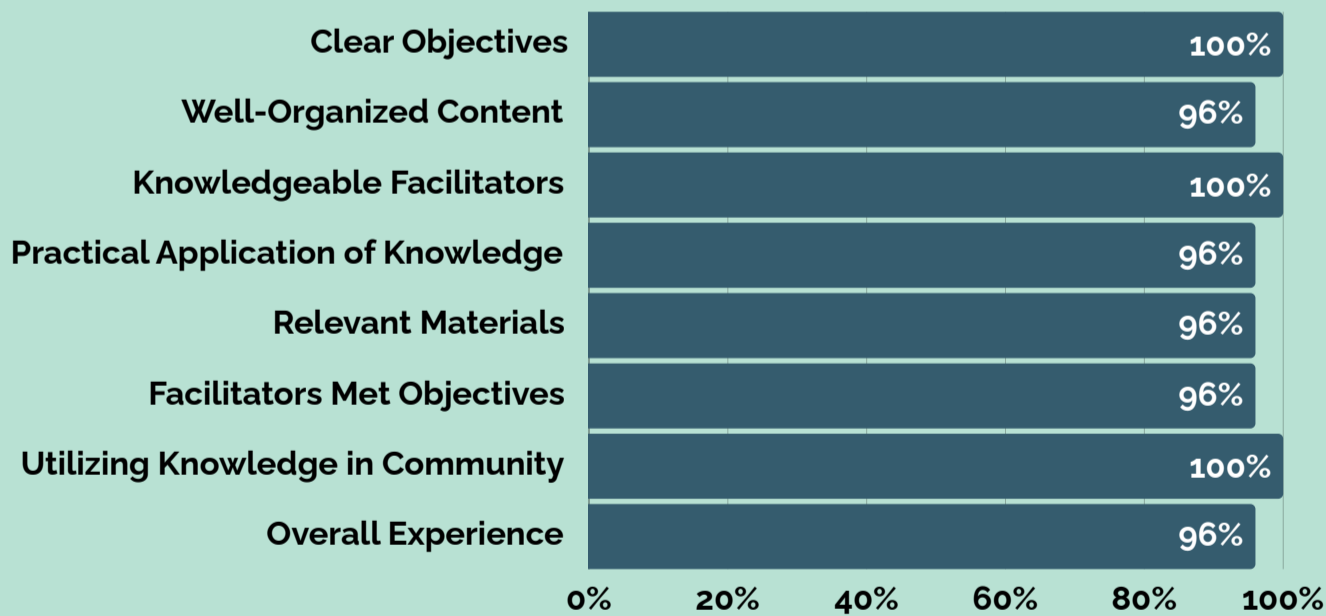
Location of Participants



100%
of participants were 29 years of age or younger!

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

Participants were sent an evaluation survey after the YALA training, below are the results collected:



GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

“What a great cohort to be part of! I have to say, I’ve been involved with many nonprofits and other organizations that claim to have a mission that supports youth and young people experiencing a variety of challenges. That said, this was one of the first experiences I’ve had where I truly felt valued, heard, and appreciated. THIS is the work we need to keep seeing!”

- Isabel Rodriguez (She/Her)

“Attending the Youth MOVE Youth Advocate Leadership Academy was a great experience. The facilitators were engaging and created an interactive environment that made learning fun and collaborative. I sharpened my leadership skills and was able to look at things through a lens I hadn’t thought of before. It helped me grow more confident in my ability to take on leadership roles and drive initiatives forward.”

- Cailey Crusemire (She/Her)

Interested in YALA for yourself, a group, or your state’s workforce?

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