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Expression Not Suppression Conference



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ENS 2017 took place on Saturday, April 22. ENS brought together 50+ trans and queer youth who are dedicated to creating safe schools and healthy communities in the Central Valley. It was a huge success! GSA youth leaders organized a day filled with learning opportunities, community building time, and welcomed local organizations to participate in an LGBTQ+ inclusive resource fair. Participants attended empowering workshops that address topics like:

- Learning about LGBTQ+ rights youth have in schools
- Grassroots organizing
- Disrupting the gender binary
- Comprehensive and inclusive sex-ed
- How to have a kick-ass GSA club
- Intersectional feminism

- Transgender 101
 - #ReportTheHaters: Responding to Hare in Trumps America, and much more!
- GSA Network Youth Leaders**

Keynote Speaker: Justin Kamimoto



This year, keynote speaker, Justin Kamimoto, centralized his speech on the theme Building Community. He shared his personal story and offered his inspiration to youth that as a queer person of color, creating change is doable, if we remember to believe in ourselves, work together, and create community. Participants were eager to engage in the community building activity Justin led where the rainbow flag was worn as a cape which represented LGBTQ+ identities as a symbol of power and strength.

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- [Building Queer Community in the Central Valley](#) ^[1] (2017)
- [Trans and Queer Youth Celebrate, Grow, and Emerge Unified at Pride](#) ^[3] (2017)
- [Fists in the air: Expression Not Suppression](#) ^[4] (2013)

- [Expression Not Suppression](#) ^[5] (2012)
- [Central Valley Youth & Allies Are Making It Better!](#) ^[6] (2011)
- [Central Valley Comes Alive with ENS Pride!](#) ^[7] (2010)

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[3] <https://gsanetwork.org/Trans-and-Queer-Youth-Celebrate-Grow-and-Emerge-Unified>

[4] <https://gsanetwork.org/news/blog/fists-air-expression-not-suppression-2013/02/27/13>

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