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*YES is where it's at!*



*Attendees at opening ceremony*



On Saturday, December 11th, 2010, over 450 youth activists came together to gain leadership skills and tools to fight homophobia and transphobia at Gay-Straight Alliance Network's 7th Annual Youth Empowerment Summit (YES). This year's conference showed record-breaking attendance, as the largest YES event in GSA Network history!

Middle and high school youth activists traveled from all over Northern California, the Central Valley, and even a busload from Eugene, Oregon to Horace Mann Middle School in San Francisco, California to be a part of this dynamic activist conference.

This event, organized and led by student leaders from GSA Network's Northern California Youth Council, supported lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning, and straight ally youth who are dedicated to fostering safe schools and youth activism.

**Sam Alavi**, a sophomore at Aragon High School and Youth Council member said,

**?I enjoyed being a part of such a great community and I am proud to be involved in something that will hopefully help youth gain the encouragement and resources to be strong community leaders.?**

To read more about YES 2010 and check out *event photos*, [visit our YES page](#) <sup>[1]</sup>!

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