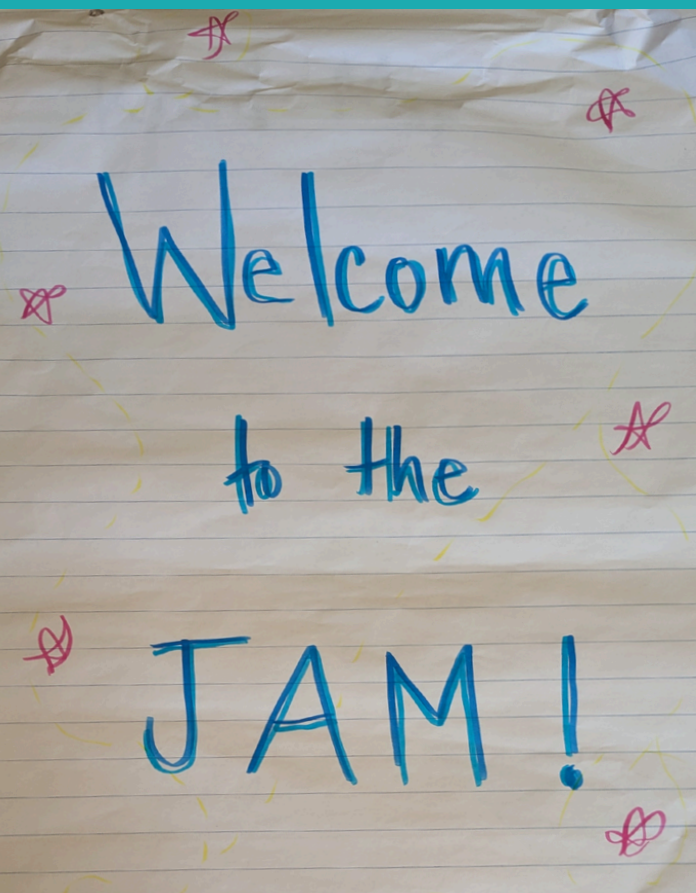


YES! 2026 Mid-Year Report



YES! expands social impact by equipping leaders with the necessary tools to build community, navigate conflict and create resiliency in their lives and work.



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Reflections from our Board Members

To say that YES! changed my life would be a profound understatement. 32 years ago I attended a YES! Camp (precursor to YES! Jams) and my life expanded and exploded. In addition to being profoundly moved by the depth and transformative power of this organization, I met and fell in love with my Beloved - YES! Co-founder Ocean Robbins.

I was only 18 years old, and I had a life changing revelation. I realized we needed to address BOTH the external and internal environments in order to create lasting change. But who else could understand this and wanted to work on all levels simultaneously? YES! did! It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to support YES! - first as a participant, then as a staff member, facilitant, co-Director and today as a board member. I think the wisdom of addressing inner, interpersonal AND systemic levels of change is at the root of YES!'s secret sauce that makes it even more vital today than ever.



**Phoenix Robbins, Creatrix,
Aptos Beloved Community**



**Frank Phoenix, President,
Fenwick Foundation**

The future calls for cooperation across differences. Those of us who develop that ability will do better in the challenging times ahead. This is what draws me to YES!. Jams teach the skills of leadership, communication, and facilitation. Skills in leading community, building connection and consensus. Skills in personal, interpersonal and collective transformation, skills to create spaces where all voices are heard, spaces that encourage authenticity and open-hearted communication.

I've been developing these skills since my first Jam 10 years ago. These skills have helped me personally and professionally and they continue to serve me well today as I do what I can to make the world a better place.

YES! Jams in 25/26

India Changemakers Jam, Bangalore, March 2026

I really admire the core value and vision of this space. Not to stuff with more and more concepts, but to really bring the lived experience, as it is that a person holds, and give such experience that stays within, that touches within. I have never been to a place that has made me experience rest, inclusion, and deeper longer listening like this. Thank you for holding that vision.

***Hardi Parmar, 27, Founder,
Listening Studio, Ahmedabad***



Asian Diaspora Jam, California, April 2026



I learned what it looks like to be messy imperfect humans and also lean into the conflict and discomfort to repair. I feel more confident in my ability to hold conflict and grief and negotiate our humanness, and these abilities will help me be more free to be my true self, which is what I was able to do at the Jam. And I love being the true me. The healing I experienced in this Jam was both unexpected and liberating. This Jam gave me hope, and I am excited to keep on Jamming!

***George Han, 47,
Public Health Practitioner, Oakland***

**India Arts for Social Change Jam,
Madhya Pradesh, January 2026**

Thank you for creating a space for artists to find their tribe, their true voice, their hidden talents; a space to be their authentic self and also find support in the midst of an extremely chaotic world. The Jam helped me see my vulnerable side, my inner critic and my wounds which need healing. The curation of this Jam around self-inquiry, leading up to listening and being present for others and then ending with a collaboration made the whole jam a holistic journey for me.

***Vaani Gala, 38,
Creator, Goa***



**U.S Arts for Social Change Jam,
California, October 2025**



I am seeing the world and people more clearly. My relationship to time has changed completely, and my heart is SO OPEN. I am still arriving and will be for a long time. I am different after this experience and more present than I've ever been or felt before. Even the people around me can tell I'm on a different frequency. Thank you for your vulnerability, creativity and LOVE!

***Sabine Denise, 29,
Joy, Justice & Equity Specialist,
Amherst, MA***

**India EcoJam,
Himachal Pradesh, April 2026**

Spaces like you HAVE to exist, so you need to rise like the mountains, ground like the soil and flow like the river. It'll feed us all - the creatures of the ecosystem. It was AWESOME, I truly felt the space! It grew across the days, and this gives me hope. Hope in a system that chooses to evolve with such commitment, persistence and intensity. That is HUGE for me.

***Deeptha J, 35,
Creator of Paperkaari, Chennai***



**Toronto Jam,
Ontario, October 2025**



You held me in remembering what it feels like and what it takes to be in beautiful and messy community. You gave me language to clarify my thinking, and were a mirror to surface my beliefs in this moment. You created space for so many stories to exist at once and soften the hardness of separation. You were imperfectly human and perfectly emergent. You were at times perhaps too earnest. But who knows, maybe we need more wholesomeness. You crossed a threshold - and there were perhaps even more thresholds to cross.

***Hima Batavia, 41,
Artist, Community Organizer, Toronto***

YES! Virtual Progamming



In addition to our in-person Jams, YES! continues to create year-round virtual spaces for alumni and other leaders in our community to slow down together, share practical skills, collaborate, play, and deepen our resolve for the important work we are each involved in.

Already this year, over 100 social and environmental leaders from 15+ countries have participated in our online programs.



YES! ELDERS MINI-JAM | VIRTUAL

Friday, February 20, 2026
at 10am-noon Pacific | 1-3 pm Eastern

What if we could harvest the connections, wisdom, and power of our elders, in support of ourselves, one another, and our communities? What might change if we could lift up and share our wisdom with each other and the world?

Hosted By

Judi Cohen
Marla Durden

RSVP!

Diving Deep Into the
4Rs of Social Transformation

Join us for this special session with Jodi Lasseter, creator of the 4Rs Framework (Reform, Resist, Re-imagine, and Re-create), to explore the movement-building approach she has refined over the course of decades.

We are offering the same workshop 2 different times to accommodate our community members across the world. Please choose whichever time works best for you:

Register for the first session
Date: December 15th 2025
Time: 8-10am EST / 1-3pm UTC

Register for the second session
Date: December 18th 2025
Time: 12-4pm EST / 7-9pm UTC

JODI LASSETER
Co-Executive Director of the
NC Climate Justice Collective
(NCCJC)

COMMUNITY CALL

REST IS RESILIENCE

Join us for a conversation on what rest feels like personally, interpersonally, and systemically.

Saturday, April 18th, 9pm IST, 8:30am PT

Meenakshi Gandotra, India Jam Leader



Our Jam teams have also been organizing in-person, online and hybrid alumni reunions across the world. These reunions serve to strengthen the connections between Jam participants and supports them to reinforce and practice the many tools learnt at the Jam.

MEN RAISED AS MEN DIALOGUE
SESSION 1

Facilitators

Kazu Haga

Tracy Robertson

Join us as we explore themes of belonging, love, self-image, relationships with fatherhood and father figures, and the experiences that shaped us as men in the world.

May 12th, 2026
2pm Pacific / 5pm Eastern

Register here:

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**EGO JAM
EARTH PARTY FUNDRAISER**

CHETANA NAMRATA SWETA

DJ KRIS DJ SINHATRA

HOOPINKAI ANIKETH

**20TH APRIL 6PM
THE HUMMING TREE
INDIRANAGAR, BANGALORE
SUPPORT & GET YOUR TICKET NOW**

YOU ARE INVITED TO

END-OF-YEAR GATHERING

We are excited to invite you to our annual YES! holiday gathering on December 30th, 2025!

All are welcome: Jammers, families, friends, and others from our wider community.

Join the Jammy in this space to connect, play, and reflect on the new beginnings we're welcoming in 2026.

Duration: 90 minutes
1 to 2:30pm EST / 6 to 7:30pm UTC

To register, scan the QR code or click the link in the bio/caption.

The Jam is Always On

Many more Jams coming this year, including:

1. Europe Changemakers Jam, France, July 2026
2. Men Raised as Men Jam, CA, July 2026
3. HOME Jam, CA, August 2026
4. Southern Changemakers Jam, TN, August 2026
5. Restorying Justice Jam, CA, August 2026
6. USA Arts for Social Change Jam, CA, August 2026
7. El Jam Mexico, Amecameca, September 2026
8. India Queer Jam, Bangalore, September 2026
9. Elders Jam, Online, November 2026
10. North America Leadership Jam, FL, December 2026



**EUROPE
CHANGEMAKERS JAM**

JULY 3-7, 2026
NEAR PLUM VILLAGE, FRANCE

**5 days of community building, systemic inquiry,
and deep reflection on how we can transform
ourselves and the new world emerging around us.**

Read more & apply at:
yesworld.org/europejam

Application Deadline:
May 20, 2026

The poster features a stylized illustration of a group of people sitting in a circle on a grassy hill, silhouetted against a bright sun. The background shows rolling green hills and a forest of evergreen trees. A small logo with the word 'YES!' is in the top right corner.



**MEN RAISED AS
MEN JAM 2026**

JULY 30 TO 4 AUGUST, SANTA CRUZ, CA

Join us for our second full Jam for Men Raised as Men! This Jam will offer opportunities to catalyze positive change through healing, homecoming, and expression of healthy masculinity as part of a resilient whole

Scan for
Registration

Priority Deadline: May 1, 2026
Final Deadline: Jun 15, 2026

The poster features a group photo of approximately 20 men of various ages and ethnicities, some standing and some kneeling in front of a campfire. The background shows a landscape with mountains and a blue sky. A logo with the word 'YES!' is in the top left corner. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.

Support Our Spring Fundraiser

Keeping the Jams affordable and accessible to all leaders is a community effort. Please support our spring fundraiser so that our upcoming work is even more inclusive and impactful!

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YES! JAMS 2026 SPRING CAMPAIGN

Support conscious, compassionate leaders
by donating to YES! and sharing this campaign.



Cultivating whole-being leadership for a Just, Sustainable and Equitable World

Your donation of any amount will help us:

- Provide scholarships and reduced tuition to Jam applicants with less access to resources.
- Support nonprofit organizations and teams in need of facilitation, conflict mediation, team building and more.
- Offer regular free workshops for seasoned alums, recent Jammers and people just discovering our community.
- Develop and expand our set of tools and processes to continue meeting the evolving moment.

[Click Here or Scan the QR Code to Support YES! Jams](#)



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