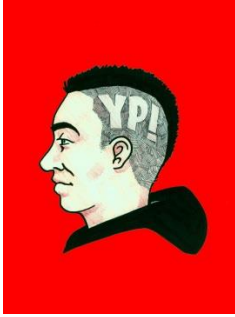


# YOUTH POWER! *Wants You*



Join the  
Long Island  
Regional Team



**YOUTH POWER!** is the New York State Network of young people who have been labeled and are seeking change. Together we have decided to speak up about our experiences because no one knows what it is like for us better than we do. Through peer to peer mentoring, we empower young people to be active citizens, aware of government operations, their rights and the ability to use their voices to influence policies, practices, regulation and law.

**LI Crew** – YP! is broken up into 5 regions: Hudson River, Western, Central, New York City and Long Island. Long Island is made up of both Suffolk and Nassau Counties. The regional team's responsibilities include planning the regional youth forum, outreach, and speaking out on local issues affecting young people.

## Why Join?

- Become part of planning the yearly youth forum
- Build your skills while building your resume
- Be in the loop with important topics faced by local youth
- Help grow the movement and create a network which can aid young people to come after you
- Receive Action Alerts which inform you of important things you may want to speak up about along with the opportunity for advocacy and input
- Help set YP!'s priority agenda and advocacy priorities
- Advocate for positive change in the system and the community



## Who Can Join:

- If you have been labeled with a disability or have experience in the New York State systems such as Mental Health, Special Education, Juvenile Justice, Foster Care or Chemical Dependency services, we would like to hear from you.
- Young people ages 14-29 are welcome to join. (If under 18 must have permission from parent or guardian)
- Must be able to offer about 4 hours per month for team meetings and events.

For more information about becoming part of the Long Island Regional Team please contact the **Long Island Regional Youth Partner Alex Frisina** at [afrisina@youthpowerny.org](mailto:afrisina@youthpowerny.org) and 1-631-245-5289.

For more information on YP! visit [www.YOUTHPOWERNY.org](http://www.YOUTHPOWERNY.org).

**Don't let fear and self-doubt hold you back. You can be a valuable member of our team.**