



Q Youth Foundation, Inc
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Q Youth is a small and community based non-profit organization that began in Alhambra/El Sereno/ East LA area. We mainly focus on community theater performances, various writing workshops, community health initiatives like holistic health initiatives & mental health awareness. We have successful events and community organizing in the Greater Los Angeles area. We also have a proven track record with community partnerships. brought many individuals including allies to participate in community building. We can bring in programs that are inclusive and hold a brave space for the community.

Some Q Youth demographics, an outline about its membership and leadership structure. Currently, we are all volunteers for the organization, but our purpose and vision is about creating brave spaces and to be able to incorporate holistic growth and artistic programs. We look forward to contributing to and bringing a supportive and engaged community.

Sincerely,
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Q Youth Foundation Information

Purpose Statement

Q Youth Foundation is an organization that promotes positive culture for the LGBTQIA2-S+ community by creating brave spaces for all community members and youth. We provide resources, education, and outreach for the LGBTQIA2-S+ community in California.

Leadership & Practice

Q Youth Foundation is an organization that promotes LGBTQIA+ storytelling, playwriting, screenwriting, poetry, holistic and mental health and community advocacy by building brave space environment for community members, we offer resources, education, and outreach to the LGBTQIA+ community.

Our philosophy and leadership style are based on an adaptive leadership style called Holacracy. We work as a team with intension to create transparent authority and power is distributed through the organization, giving our team freedom to make programmatic decisions, while staying aligned to the organizations purpose.

Q Youth Foundation is dedicated to anti-racism, anti-violence and survivor centered values for LGBTQIA2-S+ and BIPOC community. Our organization relies on cooperation, sharing, diversity and mutuality. Our members come from the community and serve to whatever capacity they can serve, we acknowledge that dedicated volunteers ebb and flow in and out of the organization, and we meet our members where they are at, with whatever they are able to contribute.

Our Membership Demographics

We serve the Los Angeles and the Greater Los Angeles County and Southern California. Currently expanding into Northern California – Humboldt County. Our members or participants to Q Youth programs are varied.

Ethnic and Racial Backgrounds

40% Latinx/Latine/Latin@/Hispanic

20% Black/ African American

20% Asian American and Pacific Islanders / Desi American

10% Native American / Indigenous / First Nations

5% Middle Eastern / North African

4% White

1% Other

Age Range

15% - 16-18 – Youth

35% - 19-26 – Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)

30% - 27-39 – Young Professionals and Emerging Artists

20% 40+ - Emerging/ Mid-Career Artists and Mentors

Volunteer Staff & Board

Staff

Ana Bernal, MA, CNP (They/Them), Executive Director & Founder 2013-Present

Ana is a Gender Non-Conforming artist born and raised in East Los Angeles. Founder and Executive Director of Q Youth Foundation, a non-profit organization using the power of storytelling, wellness and survivor centered work to connect the LGBTQIA+ community in California. They earned a master's degree in Nonprofit Management at Antioch University in 2015. They serve as co-chair to the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health Underserved Cultural Communities (USCC) Subcommittee for LGBTQIA2-S+. And co-chair for the Queer and Trans BIPOC Caucus in the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) 2018-2022. Currently, they are working as the Project Director and Co-chair for the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee, and they also serve as a lecturer in the Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department & Theater Department at Cal Poly Humboldt University.

Abraham Zapata Jr. (He/Him/His), Producer, Workshop Facilitator 2017-Present

Abe Zapata Jr. has written and performed for Highways Santa Monica, Houses on the Moon, and his play REBOOT was a part of the 2019 "Son of Semele Quick Creation Festival." In June 2019 Abe's first full length play, Borracho: Spanish for Drunken Bum, went up for the Hollywood Fringe Festival where it won an ensemble cast award. Borracho was remounted in February 2020 where it went on to be nominated for Broadway World's Regional 2020 Awards Best ensemble.

Recent production work includes the Eastside Queer Stories Radio Plays, the Leo Rising Short Theatre Festival in Hollywood, and Show Ponies in Santa Barbara. Abe has also taught at Humboldt State University, Art of Acting Studio, and is the lead workshop facilitator for Q Youth Foundation.

Brandon English (He/Him/His), Actor, Producer, Director 2019-Present

Brandon English is a Filipino-American actor, director, producer, and writer - but he simply identifies as an Artista (Tagalog for "Artist"). He produced "Borracho: Spanish for Drunken Bum" at the Hollywood Fringe Festival 2019, where it won an award and had a complete sold-out run. Later that year, he was nominated for Broadway World Awards "Best Featured Actor in a Musical" for his work in Comfort Women: A New Musical. Brandon is most known for his short film "Bakla," which has screened on Revry TV, NewFilmmakers Los Angeles, Vancouver Queer Film

Festival, CinemQ, and many more! He currently is a Dubbing Producer at Roundabout Entertainment, where he produces Live-Action Disney+ English Dubs. brandonenglish.net

Board Members

Rocio Ocegueda (She/Her/Ella) Chief Operating Officer, 2018 – Present

Rocio Ocegueda is an L.A. native, who is born and raised in Whittier, CA. She current works in Finance Industry for over 5 years, in the with non-profit sector. She earned a B.S. in Finance from Long Beach State University and currently work at Easter Seals Southern California. As a Financial Analyst, she is responsible for month-end financial analysis, monthly productivity reports, new project cost analysis as well as new revenue generating service cost analysis. Yearly budget and forecast planning as well as financial reporting and assisting leadership in making business operating decisions. My years of experience have allowed me to apply the same skills as the COO for Q Youth Foundation over the years.

Alex Callego (He/Him/His) Secretary 2015 – Present

Alex Callego is a Filipino artist, writer, musician and community organizer working in the Palm Springs and San Diego area. He is founder of Palm Springs Comic Con in the Coachella Valley which promotes the arts and literature for youth, families and individuals in marginalized communities.

Advisory Board Members

Maia Villa (They/Them) Actor, Playwright, Writer, Non-profit Professional

librecht baker (She/Her) Poet, Playwright, Writer, English professor

Libra Washington (She/Her) Community Member & Advocate

Edwin Alexis Gomez (He/Him) Filmmaker and Producer

Evelyn Martinez (She/Her) Filmmaker and Producer

Lorilyn Long (She/Her) Writer, Poet, USC Master of Social Work Student, Domestic Violence Advocate