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Google, University of Pittsburgh, and Community Partners Co-Present Kids Without Borders

Free Activities, Resources, and Programs to Inspire and Connect Youth and Families

January 25, 2017, Pittsburgh, PA – Kids Without Borders is a family-friendly day designed to connect youth from all backgrounds to positive forms of expression – from a slam poetry exercise to a teen photography workshop to an anti-bullying session. Parents can enjoy family yoga, Know Your Rights workshop for immigrants and refugees, and a session for all on how to combat bullying. There are activities for youth of all ages and families. The program takes place on Sunday, January 29th from 11AM to 4PM at [Alphabet City Center](#) in the Northside. It is free and open to the public.

"We believe that the best type of community-building and cross-cultural dialogue happens when we create spaces for people to come together under one roof for a shared experience," says City of Asylum Assistant Silvia Duarte. Kids Without Borders will take place at City of Asylum's newly unveiled Alphabet City Center which is located at 40 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15212. Alphabet City Center is a home for diverse voices from around the globe—a place where Pittsburgh meets the world and the world meets Pittsburgh.

"We know that diversity can make us better. It leads to more productive teams, helps to build better products, and in this case, fosters stronger community. We're proud to support efforts that reinforce this message to the youth of our city," says Head of Public Affairs for Google Pittsburgh Liz Schwab.

The program schedule for the day is:

11AM – 4PM	Imagination Playground	Ages 3-8
11AM – 4PM	Face Painting	All Ages
11AM – 4PM	Story Recording Booth	All Ages
11AM – Noon	Hip Hop Dance Class	9 and up
11AM – Noon	Arts and Crafts Station	All Ages

11AM – Noon	Navigating Challenges: Small Group Counseling (Spanish)	Adults
11AM – Noon	How to Identify and Address Bullying	Adults
Noon –1PM	Improv Workshop and Performance	Ages 5-12
Noon –1PM	Know Your Rights: Immigration Attorney Panel	Adults
1PM – 2PM	Navigating Challenges: Small Group Counseling (English)	Adults
1PM – 2PM	Slam Poetry Workshop	9 and up
1PM – 2PM	Family Yoga	All Ages
1PM – 2PM	Psycho-education Session	Adults
1PM – 4PM	Acetate / Collage Arts Station	All Ages
2PM – 3PM	Storytelling Workshop	Ages 5-9
2PM – 3PM	Anti-Bullying Session	9 and up
2PM – 3:30PM	Expression Through Photography	12 and up
3PM – 4PM	Know Your Rights: Refugees and the Law	Adults

“We continue to hear from community members—immigrants, people of color, Muslims, LGBTQIA, people living with disabilities, and others—who are concerned about the political climate and what this means for their community. In response, we decided to take action by celebrating our youth and connecting families to resources,” explains Change Agency Director Betty Cruz.

Kids Without Borders was developed in response to this community input to remind youth and families that they are valued, while bridging their questions and concerns with local partners eager to provide support. Organizers are working with local artists and volunteers that include seniors and veterans from across the county to show appreciation for all youth in attendance.

“The University of Pittsburgh prepares students to expand their perspectives through global awareness, cultural empathy, and understanding of real-world issues. We are proud to co-sponsor this event because even the youngest minds should be encouraged to celebrate who they are and embrace the world,” stated Belkys Torres, Associate Director for International Programs at Pitt.

The event is organized by City of Asylum and Change Agency and made possible thanks to sponsorship support from Google, University of Pittsburgh Center for International Studies, European Studies Center, and Global Studies Center.

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