



YEDFall2023 Leaders Summit:

“Good Governance in Polarizing Times”

Learn effective strategies to promote civility and trust in an interactive workshop with the Institute for Local Government (ILG)

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 – 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the Woodland Community Center 2001 East Street, Woodland

Purpose

Local governments are experiencing more incivility, divisiveness, misconduct, and bad behavior in public meetings. Research indicates it is not enough to focus only on interventions that reduce the emotions of polarization at the individual level. Interventions should consider the interplay between polarization and political structures, incentives, and strategies¹.

This special YED summit will respond to these escalating situations by offering elected officials and key agency staff a hands-on interactive workshop to learn and practice effective strategies with subject matter experts from the Institute for Local Government (ILG). We'll begin with an interactive presentation with ongoing Q&A and discussion, leaving ample time to then practice skills with some exercises and role-playing scenarios.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Self-Introductions
3. Promoting Civility in Times of Heightened Polarization
4. Group Exercises and Discussion
5. Closing

Speakers

Tania Garcia Cadena, Mayor Pro Tempore City of Woodland

Attendees

Melissa Kuehne and Hanna Stelmakhovych, Institute for Local Government (ILG)

ILG and Attendees

Garth Lewis, Superintendent Yolo County Office of Education

What are YED-Talks?

YED stands for Yolo, Education and Discovery and its name borrows from the well-known TED-Talks. It's a forum going strong for over 10 years where local city, county and school leaders self-organize community learning and innovation to foster a culture of collaboration from which positive change can flourish.

¹ “Polarization, Democracy, and Political Violence in the United States: What the Research Says”, Rachel Kleinfeld September 5, 2023. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

