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GSA Advocacy & Youth Leadership

In 2016 GSA Network hosted GAYLA regionally, the GSA Advocacy & Youth Leadership Academy to train young people in the Central Valley, Northern California, and Southern California in advocacy organizing on local and statewide issues. Historically, GSA Network used to organize a youth convening in the CA State Capitol and bring youth to Sacramento to do legislative visits to pass laws that ensure LGBTQ well being in the schools. We obtained many legislative wins.

Since 2016 we have shifted our work and are now part of several coalitions that do additional work with supporting youth training in advocacy. We have also been coordinating local regional trainings for young people to learn how they can advocate for their needs and the needs of our collective community.

[For information on what's going on in your region, please visit our regional social media pages.](#) [1]

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After GAYLA

After being a leader at GAYLA, students were encouraged to continue advocating for trans and queer youth in schools by:

- Training members of your GSA in advocacy skills.
- Serving as a media spokesperson in your region on GSA, safer schools, and TQ youth issues.
- Making follow-up calls or visits with your lawmakers.
- Joining the GSA Network's [Statewide Advocacy Council](#) [2].
- Organizing & participating in a campaign during the following school year to advocate for full implementation of the gender identity non-discrimination law in California schools, which may include visits with lawmakers and education officials, rallies, letter-writing campaigns, and speak-outs in your area.

Past Events

- [2016 Northern California GAYLA - Oakland, California](#) [3]
- [2016 Central Vally GAYLA - ENS Conference](#) [4]
- [2016 Southern California GAYLA - Los Angeles, California](#) [5]

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Links

[1] <https://gsanetwork.org/contact-us>

[2] <https://gsanetwork.org/get-involved/change-california/statewide-advocacy-council>

[3] <https://gsanetwork.org/northern-california-gayla-2016>

[4] <https://gsanetwork.org/ENS-2016>

[5] <https://gsanetwork.org/SoCal-GAYLA-2016>