

YNP National Convention

Seelye Hall, Smith College

April 25, 2026 | Draft Agenda (Updated 3/2/26)

10:30 - 11:00 AM:

Registration, Sign-In, & Exhibition

Attendees may begin arriving as early as 10:30 AM; a table will be set up for all pre-registrants to obtain a nametag and conference materials and those who wish to register the day-of will be able to do so so long as tickets are not sold out. Outside organizations will be present to share info about their related work with attendees.

11:00 - 11:15 AM:

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Opening remarks provided by YNP Co-Founder and National Committee Chair, Joshua Steele Kelly.

11:15 AM - Noon:

Panel Discussion

Details TBA.

Noon - 12:30 PM:

Platform & Charter Amendment Session (Part 1 of 2)

Per the YNP's Charter, each year Platform updates are approved as part of the National Convention. [Click here](#) to see the current list of proposals up for consideration (this will be updated through 3/31/26). Each proposal will be presented and voted on.

12:30 - 1:30 PM:

Lunch Break

Attendees may bring a lunch, visit the Cafe on campus, or visit downtown Northampton to grab a bite. Lunch costs are not covered by the Convention, and food is not permitted in the meeting hall.

1:30 - 2:30 PM:

Platform & Charter Amendment Session (Part 2 of 2)

A continuation of the Noon Amendment session.

2:30 - 3:30 PM:

Breakout Sessions (Session 1)

Breakout A: Advocacy in Action

Join Emmy Franklin, registered CT Lobbyist with the Connecticut Nonprofit Alliance, to learn about advocacy skill-building, building relationships with legislators, navigating your state's legislative processes, and more.

Breakout B: Home in New England

Scott Graves, Party Vice Chair, is a real estate professional involved in property, project management, and fund development. Housing sits at the apex of our needs and is essential for a stable society; join Scott to discuss initiating a YNP housing policy based in solutions to the benefit of all members of our community.

3:30 - 4:30 PM:

Breakout Sessions (Session 2)

Breakout C: Forming Ranks for Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

Join Voter Choice Massachusetts, the organization at the cutting-edge of MA's RCV movement, to learn more about Ranked Choice Voting, how it helps enhance the foundations of our democracy, and how you can most effectively advocate for RCV in your home town/state.

Breakout D: TBA

Details TBA.

4:30 - 5:00 PM:

Keynote Speaker

Details TBA.

5:00 - 5:15 PM:

Closing Remarks

Presented by Joshua Steele Kelly, National Committee Chair.

Post-Convention Activities

5:30 - 7:00 PM:

Rally in Downtown Northampton (Weather Permitting)

Join members of the YNP as we take to the streets of Northampton and rally in support of our movement. Bring a Red Flag of New England to wave!

7:00 PM:

Dinner in Northampton

Informal; round up your colleagues and friends and stay in Northampton for dinner! Not covered by the Convention, but encouraged to continue to foster connections made at the Convention.