9:00 - 9:10 a.m.  **The Voice of Our Youth**

**Wendy Alvarado**, Student, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Let's kick off this summit the best way we know how: hearing directly from our youth on the value and necessity of creating more engagement opportunities.

9:10 – 9:45 a.m.  **Why #YouthEngageNC?**

**Anita Brown-Graham**, Director, Institute for Emerging Issues

IEI’s ambitions for this event.

**NC Youth Engagement Swap Meet**

Engage yourself in an interactive, networking experience to immediately swap needs and resources. Be prepared for a fast, loud, and chaotically structured "buy and sell" stock exchange of youth services and resources.

**What Can We Expect to Accomplish Together?**

**Eric Rowles**, President/CEO, Leading to Change

A goal setting session on the need to improve and modernize youth engagement approaches across North Carolina.

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.  **The State of Youth Engagement in the United States**

**Felicia Sullivan**, Senior Researcher, The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (CIRCLE), Tufts University

A national expert who will contextualize North Carolina’s national standing in youth engagement.

**What Tools Do We Have at Our Disposal?**

A preview of tools and resources that can help us respond to what we learn from the research.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  **Break**
Exploring the State of Our Civic Health
These three panels offer concurrent sessions in Asheville, Raleigh and Greenville with local leaders who will share insights on the landscape in their region and across the state. The panelists will highlight local successes, struggles, and innovative practices that are working to give youth the opportunity to engage and lead in their communities.

Asheville – Location: Western Carolina University, Biltmore Park
Moderator: Allen Stanton, Rural Church Fellow, Institute for Emerging Issues

Julia Trantham, Associate Minister of Education and Spiritual Development, Cullowhee United Methodist Church
Bob Cummings, Prevention Specialist, Addiction Recovery Prevention Services of North Carolina
Aaron Marshall, Leader, Team Rubicon
Diana Maneé, Real Food Active Living Program Coordinator, Youth Empowered Solutions (YES!)

Raleigh – Location: NC State University, Hunt Library, 4th Floor
Moderator: Diane Cherry, Policy Manager, Institute for Emerging Issues

Ashton Mae Smith, Community & Employee Engagement Project Manager, Citrix
Casey Barr-Rios, Executive Assistant, Student U
Liz Roberts, Pastor, Fairmont United Methodist Church
Reggie McCrimmon, Member, Services & External Affairs, Congressional Black Caucus, 114th Congress
Aidil Ortiz Hill, Team Lead, Youth Empowered Solutions (YES!)

Greenville – Location: East Carolina University, Brody College of Medicine, Room 2E-92
Moderator: Sarah Langer Hall, Policy Manager, Institute for Emerging Issues

Angie Wills, YouthBuild Program Manager, River City Community Development Corporation
Ron Hinton, Technical Services Support Analyst, Cisco Systems
Paula Benson, Executive Director, Wilson 20/20

Connecting All Sites
We will explore the similarities and differences in each region.
11:45 - 12:45 p.m. **Your Reaction: Time to Reclaim, Reject or Redirect?**
Lunch and a guided discussion that encourages you to continue the discussion started by the *Exploring the State of Our Civic Health* panel with others at your table.

12:45 - 1:00 p.m. **Break**

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. **A Reality Check**
Don’t despair. We do not expect you to have all the answers. We have a group of the most important experts of all—youth—giving you their feedback on the best (and worst) practices for effectively engaging them and their peers.

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Now, the Napkin Session**
Enough talk. Let’s roll-up-our-sleeves and use the ideas, resources and new network to make a plan for BIG next steps. Then, let’s share our plans with other participants across the state and through social media with those not participating in the convening but keenly interested in our outcomes.

**Next Steps?**
We will not leave the room without a plan for next steps and a way to measure our collective success. You will give directions for what you need to measure your work along with that of others participating in this summit.

**Dropping the Gauntlet**
We will issue a charge—and some special prizes—to the crowd.

3:00 p.m. **Final Charge & Adjourn**

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