



YPA's **Preserve Pittsburgh Summit** is an interactive workshop on historic preservation. It features on-site tours of historic buildings and a chance to work in teams to develop recommendations for the reuse of these sites. It also includes a Preservation Awards Reception for the winners of the **Preservation Video Contest** and **Michael Eversmeyer Promise Award** given to an emerging preservation leader. It's a great way to witness history, build career skills, and earn academic credit.

*Preserve Pittsburgh Summit:
Young Ideas for Old Buildings*

Youth Main Street Advisors Program

YPA's **Youth Main Street Advisors** project connects students with communities through the creation of a student-produced book about the community's history, present, and future. The book allows the students to develop academic skills, achieve credit toward graduation, build a resume for college, and generate useful ideas for community revitalization. YPA has partnered with local publisher Red Engine Press to ensure the books are high quality and can be sold to generate revenue for the community. YPA has worked with the following schools: Propel Andrew Street High School, Brownsville Area High School, Monessen Senior High, Forbes Road Career and Technology Center, and Trinity High School (Washington, Pa.).



YPA's Top Ten list

Since 2003, YPA has published an annual list of the **Top Ten Best Preservation Opportunities in the Pittsburgh Area**, which highlights historic preservation projects in southwestern Pennsylvania. Most of the sites on the list have become success stories, or are on their way to being restored, such as the New Granada Theatre, featured at left. YPA's Top Ten List demonstrates that preservation is good for the economy, creates local jobs, and inspires the next generation.



Developing Youth Leadership in Preservation

Since 2003, YPA has hosted numerous student interns, who have worked on a variety of projects including dedication of the National Negro Opera Company house historical marker, the Preserve Pittsburgh Summit, historic nominations and reports, and use of the **GigaPan panoramic camera**, in partnership with Carnegie Mellon University.

Download the Past to Upload a Better Future

YPA's programs and publications have resonated with young people. Since 2003, more than 2,000 people have participated in our public programs. YPA published the region's first tourguide of African American History, "**Discover the Legacy: The African American Experience in Southwestern Pennsylvania.**" Within two months of publication, more than 4,500 guides have been distributed. YPA collaborates, networks, conducts tours, speaks to groups, and inspires a new generation to appreciate and preserve our past.



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The mission of YPA is the participation of young people in the preservation of historic resources.

Objectives

1. *Educate* young people about the value of historic preservation as a key component of economic and community renewal.
2. *Train* young people to use strategies and tools to preserve their history.
3. *Provide opportunities* for youth participation in preservation activities.