

In 2011, the Arizona Town Hall debuted its Future Leaders Town Hall in an effort to gather students with diverse perspectives and empower them through the Town Hall process to work together to create solutions or strategies that will have a positive impact on Arizona. The Arizona Town Hall process focuses on fact-based consensus-driven solutions crafted in an atmosphere of respectful civil discourse.

This fall's Future Leaders Town Hall on the topic of ***Early Education*** will be held on October 16, 2013 at Scottsdale Community College. There will also be satellite locations in Tucson, Flagstaff, Sierra Vista and Yuma/San Luis.

Our goal is to provide an opportunity for Arizona's high school and college students to gather and use their unique perspectives, creativity, and leadership skills to craft solutions that will have a positive impact Arizona's future.

We will begin the 5th Future Leaders Town Hall with an open forum. The forum is a networking opportunity where participants can gather information on things such as community involvement, volunteering, jobs and education -- information that will empower them to remain engaged in making a difference in Arizona's future.

After the forum, students will address Arizona's early learners (age 0-8) and determine what actions can be taken that will have the greatest positive impact on our state's future citizens and leaders. Their consensus statement will then be presented to the larger Arizona Town Hall being held this November, and will be included in the highlights booklet distributed to Arizona's legislators as well as thousands of individuals throughout the state.

The Future Leaders Town Hall is designed not only to benefit its participants, but also Arizona as a whole through the use and distribution of the ideas generated by the participants. The Future Leaders Town Hall gives participants a unique opportunity to have their voices heard and their opinions valued as we move forward in Arizona.