



# Young Worker Initiative

A Project of the  
UCLA Labor Center

## OUR MISSION

The UCLA Labor Center's Young Worker Initiative strengthens the labor movement's school-to-movement pathway by providing classroom curricula and know-your-rights trainings to middle and high school students in California, as well as educational workshops to community members. The UCLA Labor Center prioritizes young workers through research, internships, and programming that support policy initiatives. Created by young workers, for young workers, the initiative recognizes young people as a critical workforce in the economy and elevates them as leaders in their workplace.

## OUR WORK



### Classroom Curricula

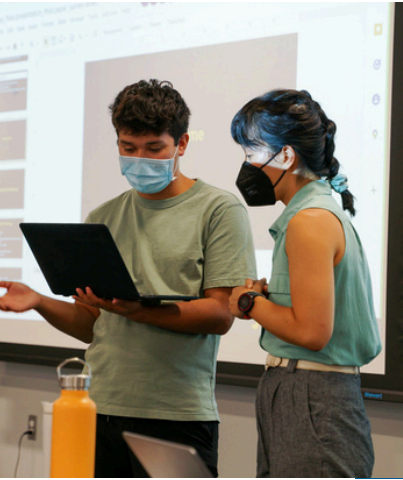
We develop dynamic, interactive "know-your-rights" trainings designed to empower young workers and community members with essential knowledge of workplace rights. Through partnerships with LAUSD schools, our wide-ranging curricula provide hands-on learning that equips middle and high school students with the tools to advocate for fair treatment in the workplace.



### Community Partnerships

We collaborate with community organizations like YouthSource and the Young Worker Education Project to reach young workers where they are. These partnerships allow us to bring immersive labor education directly to LAUSD students, ensuring that young people have access to critical resources and support as they enter the workforce.

# By Young Workers, For Young Workers



We center student involvement in all aspects of our work, from research and curriculum development to workshop facilitation. Through the initiative, young workers themselves play a key role in shaping the labor movement by participating in applied research, developing innovative educational tools, and leading know-your-rights trainings for their peers. By centering student voices and experiences, we foster the next generation of leaders who will champion workers' rights and equity in the labor market.

## KEY PUBLICATIONS



[Remapping Realities: Navigating School and Work Commitments, Financial Pressures and Well-Being](#)

[Back to the "New Normal": Workers and Learners Navigate Campus and Workplace Reopening](#)

[Surviving While Studying: 2023 Workers and Learners Research](#)

[A Survey of Workers and Learners in Los Angeles County During COVID-19](#)



[After the Bell: A Portrait of High School Workers in California](#)

[Unseen Costs: The Experiences of Workers and Learners in Los Angeles County](#)

[California's Future is Clocked In: The Experiences of Young Workers](#)

[Learning Together! An Innovative Tutoring Program for Low-wage Janitor, Garment, and Domestic Worker Children](#)

[Student Balancing Act: Worker and Learner Experiences in Los Angeles' Community Colleges](#)

[Juggling Time: Young Workers and Scheduling Practices in the Los Angeles Service Sector](#)



[Resource Accessibility Across the University of California Campuses Through Undocumented Students' Experiences](#)

[I am a #YOUNGWORKER](#)

[Undocumented Students: Unfulfilled Dreams](#)

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