



New York State Digital Equity Network's 3rd Annual Convening

REVISITING NEW YORK'S DIGITAL DIVIDE:
SOLUTIONS FOR REACHING THE DISCONNECTED

September 29, 2026 | 8:30am - 4:30pm



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1. Who can submit a proposal?

Proposals are welcome from both **NYSDEN members and non-members**. We encourage submissions from organizations, coalitions, institutions, government agencies, libraries, researchers, and other stakeholders engaged in digital equity work across New York State.

2. Do presenters need to be based in New York State?

Proposals should primarily feature **organizations or stakeholders working in or serving communities in New York State**.

3. What types of sessions are you seeking?

We are seeking proposals for **panels and workshops** that share best practices, research, programs, or strategies that advance digital equity across New York State.

4. What is the difference between a panel and a workshop?

Panels feature multiple speakers sharing perspectives on a topic with moderated discussion and audience Q&A. Workshops are interactive sessions designed to engage participants in discussion, learning activities, or skill-building.

5. How long will sessions be?

Session length will typically be **50 minutes**.

6. Can I submit more than one proposal?

Yes. Organizations may submit **multiple proposals**, although the program committee may limit the number of sessions selected from any single organization.

7. Do all panelists need to be confirmed at the time of submission?

No. If panelists are not yet confirmed, you may list them as **TBD (To Be Determined)**.

8. Will speakers receive compensation?

We do not provide speaker honoraria. Speakers are responsible for their own travel and registration fees (which are minimal).

9. When will applicants be notified of decisions?

Applicants will be notified by the end of May after review by the program committee.

10. What criteria will be used to evaluate proposals?

Proposals will be reviewed based on:

- Relevance to digital equity priorities in New York State
- Practical insights or best practices
- Clarity of session structure
- Diversity of perspectives and speakers
- Potential value to convening participants
- Alignment with conference theme

11. Who can I contact with questions?

For questions regarding the proposal process, please contact: alanesey@nysden.org.