



Big ideas for a brighter future

At the Summit we'll break out by topic to brainstorm ideas for the Dayton region. It's time to change the dialogue, sharpen our ideas, and kick some butt. It's time to create a better place to live and work.

Creative for hire: Where are the jobs that I can thrive in?

In our recent survey of young creatives, you told us job opportunities are the most important factor in choosing a place to live. Unfortunately, this is also where the Dayton region performed worst. Share your experience in the region's job market, how easy it is to find opportunities to thrive and grow, and your ideas about what leaders can do to foster your career.

Entrepreneurs wanted: What do YOU need to strike it out on your own?

Dayton is full of creativity. Creatives are innovators, highly value their individuality and are often more willing to take risks. Risks like starting a business. Have you ever thought about starting one? Maybe you have, but like many young creatives you are not sure where to start. Tell us what the region can do to make the process easier for you so we can live up to the Dayton region's legacy of innovation and entrepreneurship.

The Dayton scene: Creating an active nightlife with a strong cultural focus.

At our February Perspectives & Pints you told us you need variety when you go out – not just in the places you go (concerts, art galleries, theatres, lecture halls, cafes, restaurants, bars, clubs), but also in the people you see. We also heard that Dayton's nightlife is segregated into pockets, not enough is happening, and when things are happening -- you have trouble finding out about them. Share with us your ideas of what we can do to make the region's nightlife more varied and vibrant for young creatives.

A sense of community: Healthy, happening & affordable neighborhoods.

At our Perspectives & Pints last December young creatives told us that they want to live near a wide array of amenities and vibrant community spaces. We also heard that while many young creatives are interested in living in our urban areas, housing there is unaffordable and the region's gateways and pathways into downtown are lined with vacant, unwelcoming buildings. You've told us what is frustrating you – now we need your creative ideas on how we can work with community leaders to fix it.

Making a difference: Getting involved with our community.

A new wave of volunteerism, civic pride, and social consciousness is sweeping the country. Would you like to become involved locally, but don't know where to start? Maybe you're already engaged, but frustrated about your opportunities to influence change. Dayton is facing challenging times that call for new ideas and action. Help to strengthen the voice and movement of young creatives in our region by participating in community and civic organizations that will set the course for the future of the region.

Family-friendly: What are you looking for in a school system?

In our survey of young creatives, over 75% of respondents said quality schools are very important when choosing a place to live. When rating the Miami Valley for the same factor, over 65% said the region's school systems are average or below. Help us understand where the region's schools are falling short, and let's lead the region to devise solutions for this critical issue.