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The Imagining America 25th Anniversary National Gathering to be held in Cincinnati, OH in partnership with the University of Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, O.H. – [Imagining America](#): Artists and Scholars in Public Life and the University of Cincinnati are pleased to announce that Imagining America’s 25th Anniversary National Gathering will be held October 2025 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The two partners will work with local institutions and leaders in organizing this national conference.

The Imagining America (IA) National Gathering is an annual convening of public scholars, artists, students, designers, and cultural organizers who are addressing the nation’s most critical issues. The event offers participants a three-day immersive experience in which to connect, dialogue, learn, and strategize around the ways in which the arts, humanities, and design build public knowledge and collective imagination towards transformative action. Organizers expect more than 600 individuals to attend this year’s gathering.

IA is eager to launch its 25th anniversary National Gathering in Cincinnati, Ohio, a city of many crossroads and great cultural and historical significance. IA Faculty Director Erica Kohl-Arenas said, “I have had the honor to learn about the deep, thoughtful, and creative partnerships between University of Cincinnati faculty, staff, and regional organizations working to address pressing issues such as health disparities, childhood poverty, and housing equity. I know that they have much to teach the IA national network. Given the large, joyful groups from the University of Cincinnati who have attended past gatherings, I also know that they will serve as generous, welcoming hosts for what promises to be an energizing convening of the diverse and growing IA community as we celebrate 25 years and look towards the future.”

“The University of Cincinnati is excited to serve as the host institution for the 2025 Imagining America National Gathering. We are energized by the opportunity to partner with the consortium and demonstrate the university’s strategic strengths in community engaged research and experience-based learning,” said Valerio Ferme, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of the University of Cincinnati. “We believe the gathering will showcase and highlight the depth of our partnerships with local, regional, and national communities in the humanities, arts, and related disciplines, as well as providing us with the opportunity to converse with artists and public scholars from across the country about their experiences and interventions in advancing community-engaged scholarship.”

Final dates for the gathering will be confirmed in Fall 2024. To stay informed on news of the 2025 IA National Gathering, sign up for Imagining America’s [newsletter](#) and follow us on Instagram [@ImaginingAmerica](#).

About Imagining America

The Imagining America consortium brings together scholars, artists, designers, humanists, and organizers to imagine, study, and enact a more just and liberatory ‘America’ and world. Working across institutional, disciplinary, and community divides, Imagining America strengthens and promotes public scholarship, cultural organizing, and campus change that inspires collective imagination, knowledge-making, and civic action on pressing public issues.

About University of Cincinnati

The [University of Cincinnati](#) serves the people of Ohio, the nation and the world as a premier, public, urban research university dedicated to undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, experience-based learning, and research.

