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Mayor Luttrell's Young Professionals Council Hosts Summit This Week

The role young professionals have in government, business and civic affairs will be the focus of a regional summit sponsored by Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell's Young Professionals Council along with the Urban Land Institute. The Young Professionals Region Smart Summit will be held Wednesday, April 27th at Memphis Bio-Works, 20 S. Dudley Street in Memphis, from 2:30 pm until 6 pm.

"The success of government, business and civic initiatives is linked to the ideas of the next generation of leaders. The summit will feature speakers about important community initiatives and challenge young professionals from across the region to become personally involved in those efforts," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Speakers will be discussing modern joint urban/suburban planning by identifying future resident preferences, how to sell education as a value for regional attractiveness, and regional job growth and opportunity.

"We look forward to a dynamic gathering of young professionals with a collaborative-minded spirit to find ways to work together as a business community. By bringing together these leading young professional groups that have not formally engaged before, we hope to inspire our generational peers from as far away as Little Rock, Arkansas and Jackson, Mississippi to work together in order to accomplish regional goals and make the Mid-South a better place to live now and in the future," said Anna Cardona, president of Mayor Luttrell's Young Professionals Council.

The summit will also feature a panel discussion, question and answer session and networking reception. **"Our future success demands the engagement of young professionals and their involvement in long-term civic planning. I'm encouraged to see their enthusiasm and interest,"** added Mayor Luttrell.

The summit is free. For information, go to the Eventbrite page at <http://bit.ly/ypsmart> or call Brandon Whiteley at (901) 222-2029.

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