

Inspired Legacies Youth Giving Curriculum Project

Overview

Building on Inspired Philanthropy, Inspired Legacies will offer a workshop series for engaging young people in social justice awareness, intentional giving, and other similar hallmarks of our work with adults. We seek to engage all generations in developing philanthropic leadership. This product, addressing ages 12-18, applies a fun, exploratory, and participatory approach which promotes ownership of the learning and engagement with the materials. Over the course of the 1.5-2 hour sessions, participants work on group exercises, share through focused conversations, reflect on their own experiences and knowledge, explore inspiring materials, and research favored nonprofits.

Aligning ourselves with key youth in philanthropy organizations such as Youth Give, we can leverage their extensive learning of this generation while offering our reputable philanthropic-education leadership. Our partnerships facilitate our outreach and increase our impact while reducing our expenses.

In our continued effort to democratize philanthropy, we seek to offer this product for free, by the grace of your generous philanthropy or sponsorship.

Inspired Legacies seeks 1-4 funding partners or sponsors for this project for Spring 2008.

Structure of Series

Youth Giving Circle Workshop Series

Age 12-18

6 modules (1.5 hours each) + fundraising activity (4 hours) + site visit (4 hours)

Workshop One: Introduction to Philanthropy and Giving Circles

Workshop Two: Clarifying Priorities of this Youth Giving Circle

Workshop Three: Fundraising Training

Workshop Four: Planning Site Visits and Fundraising Activity

Workshop Five: Fundraising Activity

Workshop Six: Conducting Site Visits

Workshop Seven: Debriefing Site Visits and Deciding Where to Give

Workshop Eight: Writing letters to recipients and non-recipients of funds + evaluation of the YGC workshop



Unique Offering

After reviewing existing materials on youth philanthropy and discussing curriculum for Youth Giving Circles with some of the key people in the sector, we are confident that the curriculum we are creating does not already exist. While there are some valuable resources out there (which we can include in part in our curriculum), ours will be distinctive in several ways:

- 1) **Our curriculum focus.** We direct attention to new models of philanthropy, values clarification, fundraising training, diversity issues, and giving nationally and internationally (as well as locally). We distinguish between ‘social justice philanthropy’ and traditional forms of giving. In other words: ‘inspired philanthropy’.
- 2) **Our cost.** The curriculum will be available at no cost. There will be a ‘facilitator’s guide’ and ‘train-the-trainers’ workshops. These we will charge for, so we can keep updated. The amount of these revenues will need to be researched for market rates or we will obtain foundation or funder sponsors.
- 3) **Our approach.** The spirit of the curriculum is exploratory, fun, participatory and open-hearted. People are not be graded or tested. For this reason, it may be better to envision it/define it as ‘Workshop Outlines and Resources’ rather than curriculum?

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Partnerships

We are partnering, co-branding and co-distributing with Youth Give. They are providing feedback on content and spirit of the curriculum as it evolves. Rachael Kessler of PassageWorks is also interested in partnership. PassageWorks has a leading curriculum designer team. PassageWorks offers Train-the-trainers workshops and also crafts curriculum.

Partnership agreements need to be clarified and signed with these organizations in order to proceed further with them.



Distribution

- Schools
 - Clubs, after school programs, classrooms, youth philanthropy programs
- Faith-based groups
 - churches, synagogues, mosques, Jewish Youth Philanthropy, etc.
- Civic and Youth organizations
 - 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Roots and Shoots, YMCA/YWCA, etc.
- Community and family foundations
- United Way and other giving programs
- Families and neighborhood groups
- Conferences on philanthropy or for those working with young people
- Summer Camps

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Process of Development and Implementation

Stage 1: Development	
Research existing materials (completed, Lund Grant)	\$ 2,500
Create outline of YGW Series (in process, Lund Grant)	\$ 1,000
Write rough draft of curriculum (4/08)	\$ 5,500
Clarify partnerships formally with signed agreements (4/08)	\$ 500
Write Facilitator's guide (5-6/08)	\$ 3,000
Edit and layout guidebook including standardizing handouts (tbd)	\$ 7,500
TOTAL	\$ 20,000
Stage 2: Implementation	
Pilot 'train the trainers' workshop	\$ 5,000
Revisions to curriculum using feedback from pilot	\$ 1,000
Final design of curriculum	\$ 4,000
Implement marketing and distribution strategy	\$ 10,000
TOTAL	\$ 20,000
GRAND TOTAL (Inspired Legacies seeks lead funding)	\$ 40,000



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