Empowering Youth Voices

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Agenda

- Empowering youth – an integral part of Positive Youth Development (PYD)

- Opportunities and barriers for youth empowerment

- Personal perspectives

- How to maximize your impact - useful resources

Empowering youth – an integral part of Positive Youth Development (PYD)

PYD programs work with youth to improve their:

- **Assets:** Youth have the necessary resources and skills to achieve desired outcomes.

- **Agency:** Youth have the ability to employ their assets and aspirations to make their own decisions about their lives and set their own goals, and to act on those decisions in order to achieve desired outcomes without fear of violence or retribution.

- **Contribution:** Youth are encouraged, recognized, and able to be involved in and lead through various channels as a source of change for their own and their communities' positive development.

- **Enabling environment:** Youth are surrounded by an enabling environment that maximizes their assets, agency, access to services and opportunities, and ability to avoid risks, while promoting their social and emotional competence to thrive.
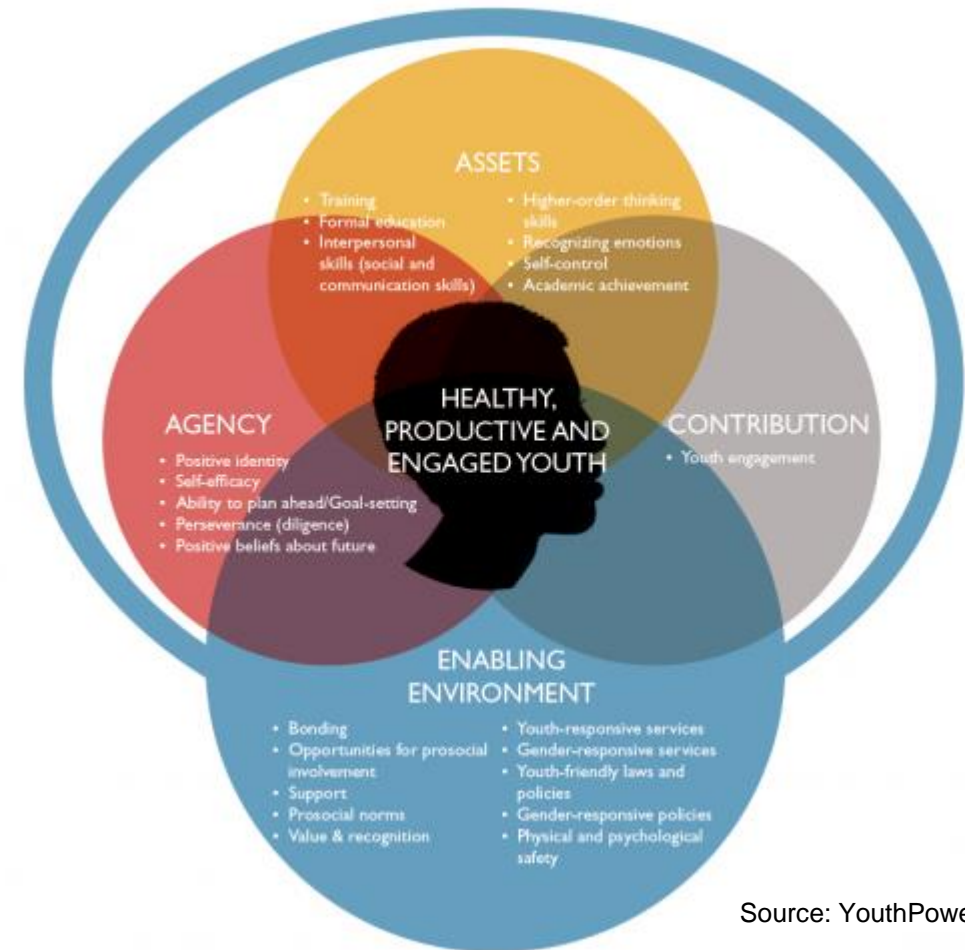
Source: YouthPower.org

Komo Learning Centers – youth-led club

- YLC Concept, Impacts, and Expectations

- Recruitment and Club Structure

- Community Needs Assessment, Activity
- Prioritization, and Decision-Making

- Capacity Building through Trainings and Workshops

- Activity Planning and Design;

- Activity Implementation and Evaluation;

- Gender and Age Issues

- YLC Challenges, Solutions, and Benefits

- The Process Of Making the Video Series
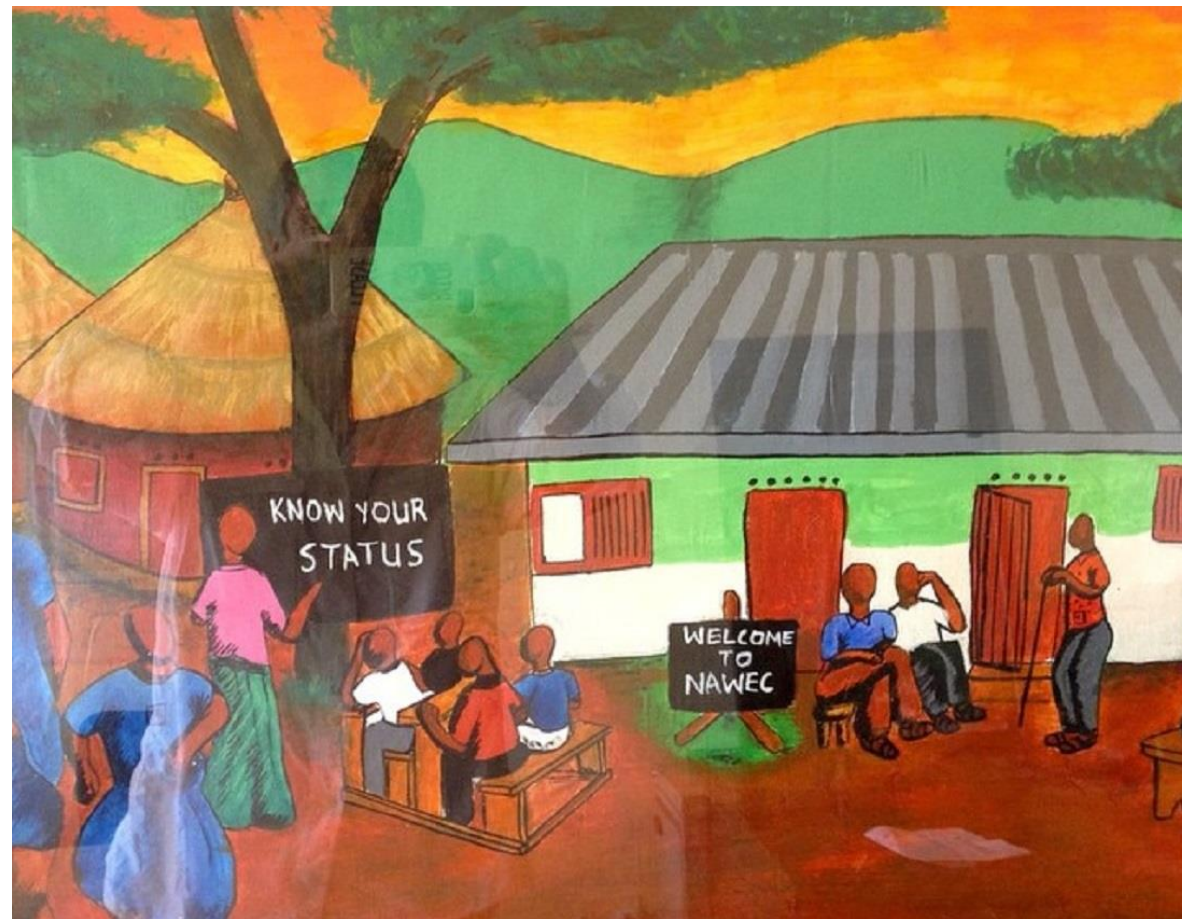
Source: KLC
YP Grants under Contract (- ended in 2020) | YouthPower

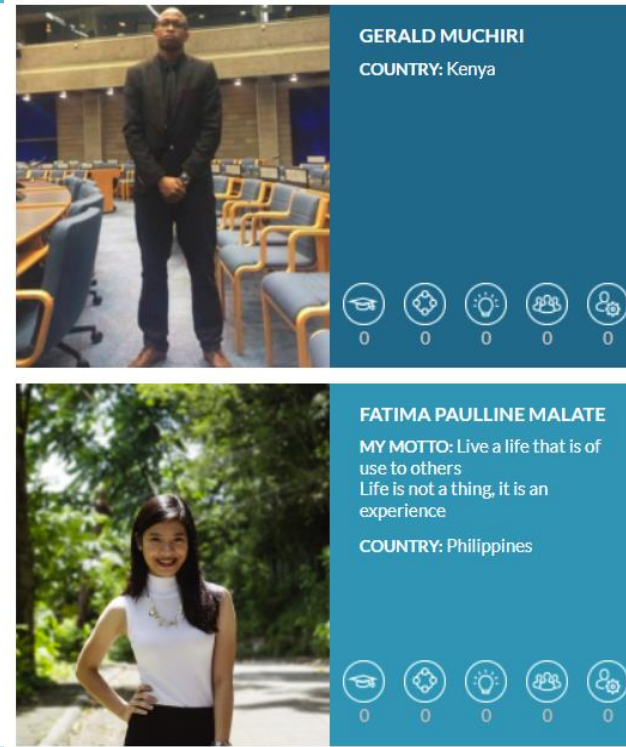# Opportunities: Many roles for youth leadership

Role Models and Mentors

Researchers

Champions

Experts

Youth voices: as …

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Join networks with role models, e.g., YouthLead.org

GERALD MUCHIRI
COUNTRY: Kenya

FATIMA PAULLINE MALATE
MY MOTTO: Live a life that is of use to others
Life is not a thing, it is an experience
COUNTRY: Philippines

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Girl Research and Learning (GRL) Power Project, Jordan

USAID   PEPFAR   YOUTH POWER LEARNING   MERCY CORPS

YouthPower Learning Webinar

Girl Research and Learning (GRL) Power Project: What can we learn from girl-led research in Jordan?

Monday, June 25, 2018

Arabic: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (EDT)
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EEST)

English: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EDT)
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (EEST)

Photo: Mercy Corps

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Become a champion for your what you are passionate about.

Use opportunities such as YouthLead Ambassadorship.

Gunel Amrahova
Azerbaijan

Godknows Simbarashe Muperekedzwa
Zimbabwe

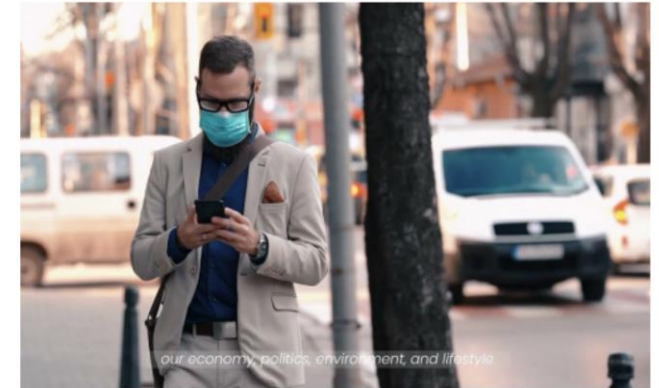# Youth voices: as …

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Monitoring and Evaluation specialist for a youth project in El Salvador

[Read More](#)

Placement: Best Overall Video

TITLE :YOUNG SEA ON TACKLING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF UNTREATED DISPOSABLE MASK WASTE BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC - BEST OVERALL VIDEO

Build on your expertise, apply for contests, e.g.,[YouthLead video Contest](#)

Be aware of the local context and barriers to youth empowerment

Examples:

- Traditional power structures – lack of trust
- Lack of information about opportunities
- Lack of skills
- Lack of resources, no payment
- Inequality, gender
- Lack of clarity about roles
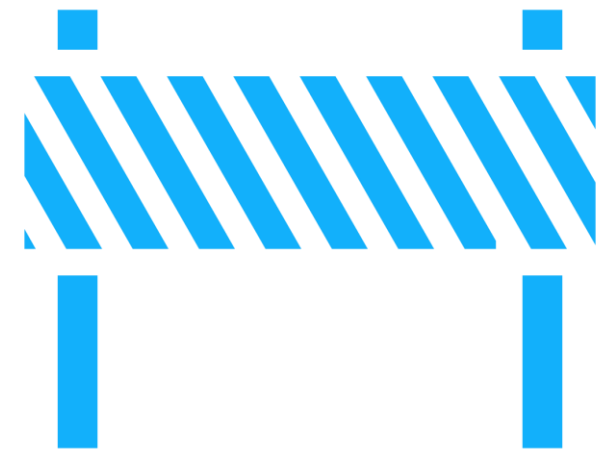
Interview

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Useful resources: Examples, Role Models, Peer Networks

Explore youth-led projects, e.g., PROJECTS on YouthLead.org

AFRIKA YOUTH MOVEMENT NORTHERN REGION CONDUCT COMMUNITY OUTREACH ON MENSTRUAL HYGIENE

After seeing poor awareness on menstrual hygiene among women and young ladies, Afrika Youth…

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Vote For Her Fortaleza (Vote Nelas Fortaleza)

Vote Nelas appeared in 2015 in the city of São Paulo, Brazil. The aim of the project was to boost…
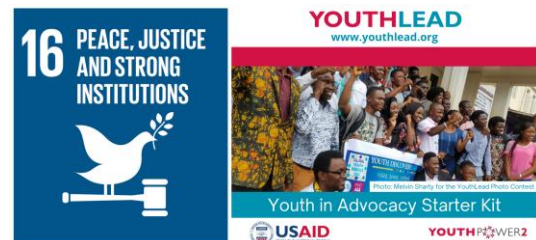
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WORD SMASH POETRY

Word Smash has held sessions in Global Platform Zambia, Café Zed since August 2017 on a monthly…
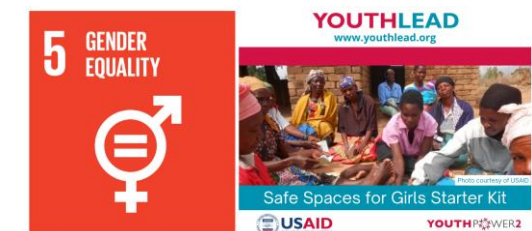
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Useful resources: Starter Kits

- Social Entrepreneurship

- Youth in Advocacy

- Youth in Civic Engagement

- Networking

- Youth Engagement and Empowerment

- Leadership Development

- Safe Spaces

- Mental Health

Useful resources: Funding Opportunities

[Explore Funding Opportunities on YouthLead.org](#)

FELLOWSHIP

Latin American Leadership Academy (LALA) - Application Open!

02/13/2022

SECTORS:
Education, Youth, Positive Youth Development + More

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Youth Grant

SECTORS:
Inclusion, Leadership Development, Skills & Labor Training + More

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IndigenousYouthRise COVID-19 Support Fund

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SECTORS:
Music and Performance, Indigenous Rights, Local Language and Culture Preservation + More

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Useful resources: Mentorship toolkit

[Useful resources for being a good mentor and being a successful mentee: Mentorship toolkit on YouthLead.org](#)
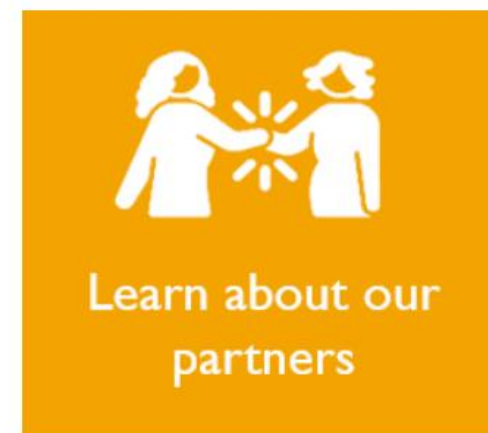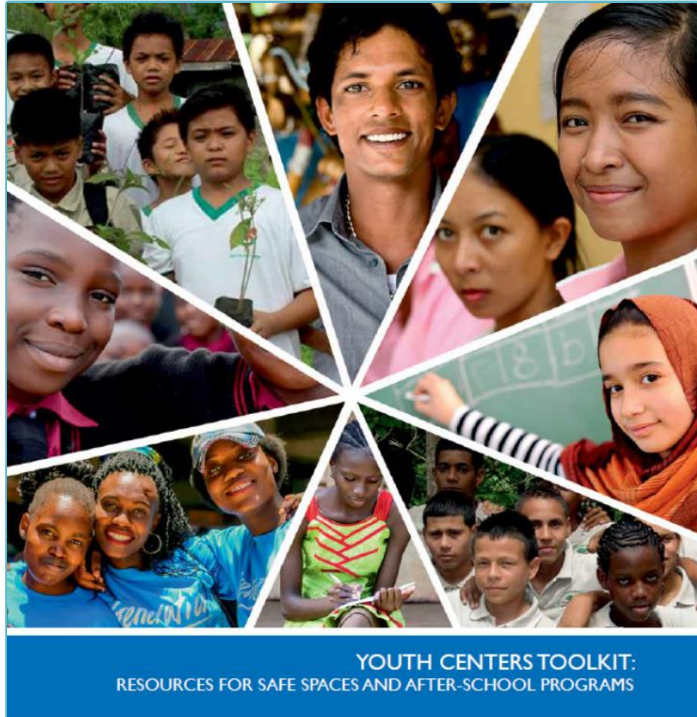
Useful Resources: Leverage Skill-building Toolkits:

Youth Center Toolkit

Tool: Youth Engagement in Monitoring and Evaluation | YouthPower

Other Useful Links

- Join YouthLead.org
- Positive Youth Development | YouthPower
- Technical Brief: Making the Pitch for Youth Engagement
- Six Tips for Increasing Meaningful Youth Engagement in Programs
- Youth Inclusion in Democracy, Human Rights, Governance (DRG) Toolkit | YouthPower
- Youth Engagement CoP:
- Youth Engagement Measurement Guide | YouthPower
- Youth-Led Club Documentary - videos
- Youth Center Toolkit
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Toolkit

How to maximize your voice and impact

- Define what meaningful youth empowerment looks like for your context
- Set your objectives
- Identify short- and long-term opportunities
- Identify opportunities for skills and leadership development and invest sufficient time
- Identify funding opportunities
- Engage parents, families, and communities
- Track how you are doing and share your successes

Photo: CanSource

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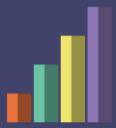
Let us hear your voices!

Thank you.