



Freechild Institute

Youth Action Program

The Freechild Youth Action Program is a tool teachers can use to **engage youth as partners in social change**. In this program, youth study three priorities for communities:

- ▶ Community building
- ▶ Positive, powerful social change
- ▶ Applied learning for youth

About

Youth examine these priorities in eight units comprising 24 workshops that are at least 50 minutes long. Beyond the first two units examining Youth Engagement and Social Change, each unit is self-standing, meaning facilitators can pick and choose which units they would like to use without fear of missing critical content. Learning practical skills and meaningful knowledge, youth gain the power and develop opportunities for themselves to make a difference in their own lives and throughout their communities.

Program History

More than 25 communities across the United States have used the Freechild Institute's Youth Action curriculum. Freechild facilitators have successfully implemented the program with a variety of youth programs and clubs, including those focused on leadership, advisory, community service, culminating projects, future careers, and government agencies. Parts of the program have also been met with great enthusiasm from diverse youth, nontraditional youth leaders and English language learners, as well as having been facilitated by others in the United Kingdom, Brazil, and Australia.

Freechild Youth Action Curriculum Units

1. The Basics Of Youth Engagement
2. The Basics Of Social Change
3. Youth As Researchers
4. Youth As Planners
5. Youth As Facilitators
6. Youth As Evaluators
7. Youth As Decision-Makers
8. Youth As Advocates

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