

National Youth Leadership Council's Youth Training Opportunities



For the past 25 years young people from across the country have gathered for NYLC's life-changing leadership training which has reached over 3,000 individuals since its inception.

As we look forward to the next 25 years, the staff and educators at NYLC are eager to make this valuable training available to as many youth as possible, working with community organizations and school districts nationwide to develop leaders who will work to gain important skills, build community resources, and collectively address problems facing communities today.

Workshops

These workshops offer an introduction to key service-learning topics and engage youth to take action in their communities.

Service-Learning 101/Youth Voice

Length: 1.5-3 hours; full-day

Audience: Youth ages 14-20

Location: Indoor meeting space

This interactive workshop covers the basics of service-learning. Engage in discussions about definitions of service-learning. Learn about the service-learning standards. Visualize the cycle. Brainstorm with fellow attendees on service-learning projects. Leave this workshop with a better understanding of service-learning and ideas to take home and share with your community.

Price: \$500-\$2,600 and travel expenses (*based on 60 youth*)

Discover the Achievement Gap

Length: 1.5-3 hours; full-day

Audience: Youth ages 14-20

Location: Indoor meeting space

In this full-day training participants will engage in simulations and small group discussions on topics that contribute to the achievement gap. Youth leave this workshop equipped to mobilize their peers in addressing the achievement gap in their own communities.

Participants also will receive a Facilitator's Guide to help make the achievement gap a hot topic in their school and community. Designed for youth leaders and teachers or adult mentors working, the Guide provides information, activities and instructional materials to help plan a workshop, seminar, or a series of classroom lessons that help others understand the need for service-learning to help bridge the achievement gap.

Price: \$500-\$2,600 and travel expenses (*based on 60 youth*)

Building a Youth Council and Youth/Adult Partnerships

Length: 1.5-2 hours

Audience: Teachers and Youth ages 10-20

Location: Indoor meeting space

Learn how to build an effective youth council within the context of your organization. Review current models, key factors in successful youth adult partnerships, and map out a plan for implementation.

Price: \$500-\$800



Daylong Trainings

For daylong trainings, NYLC supplies training and curriculum, marketing materials, site visits, and the consultation and training of host staff. Host sites must supply a facility, supplies, staffing, and logistics.

Morals and Ethics

Length: Daylong (6-7 hours)

Audience: High school youth

Location: Outdoor meeting space preferred

Morals and Ethics is a simulation which gives participants uneven resources and opportunities to make a journey. This training provides an opportunity to process and examine what it takes to behave morally in a complex world and forces participants to examine their own actions and feelings and discuss ways they can apply lessons from the activity to other parts of their lives.

Price: \$2,600 (based on 60 youth)

Community Solutions Investigation (CSI): The Achievement Gap

Length: Daylong (6-7 hours)

Audience: High school youth

Location: Outdoor meeting space preferred

Community Solution Investigation: Achievement Gap is an interactive teaching simulation where high school-aged participants:

- Investigate the achievement gap by collecting facts through multimedia activities, simulations, and small group discussions
- Create a collaborative hypothesis and service-learning project addressing the achievement gap
- Present their findings and project idea to a community panel that offers feedback.

Price: \$2,600 (based on 60 youth)

Immersion

Length: Daylong (24 hours)

Audience: High school youth

Location: Outdoor meeting space preferred

Over a 24-hour period, participants undergo a demanding series of physical, intellectual, and social challenges in the wilderness until they arrive back home.

Participants are divided into diverse groups where they leave behind all physical comforts, learning to work and move together through group challenges such as ropes courses, orienteering, and camping. Participants must assess group strengths to solve mental and physical puzzles, engage bodies and minds in problem-solving, and meld into an effective team. They challenge preconceived notions about themselves, their destinies, and their capacities as leaders and perceive anew what they can accomplish both personally and as a group.

Price: \$2,600 (based on 60 youth)

Youth Leadership Package

Length: 3 Days

Audience: Youth ages 14-20

Location: Outdoors

A discounted package of three of NYLC's daylong trainings.

Price: \$7,500

Sample schedule:

Day 1 – Immersion

Day 2 – Morals and Ethics

Day 3 – Community Solutions

Investigation and Take It Home



Signature Youth Leadership Training

Since 1983 young people have gathered for this week of adventure, self-discovery, friendship, cultural exchange, leadership building, and service.

Length: 7 days

Audience: High school youth in teams of 2-3 and their adult mentors

Themes: the achievement gap, the environment, or a social justice issue of your choice*

Location: Wilderness or campus space with cabins or dorms

Small teams of youth experience a week of working cooperatively across races, ethnicities, genders, geographies, and socio-economic backgrounds. Together, they experience leadership seminars, cultural events, and service-learning projects while exploring a select social justice issue. Youth attending will be challenged physically through outdoor, experiential activities, and intellectually — with cultural exchanges, seminars, small group interactions, and personal reflection.

At the end of the week, adult mentors join youth participants for Taking It Back Home, a training designed to help transform what they have learned into action. Teams identify needs and assets in their home communities and develop year-long service-learning action plans.

NYLC Supplies:

- Training and curriculum
- Training forms (registration, medical release forms, etc)
- Brochure template
- Two on-site visits and staff training
- Consulting for host staff

Host Supplies:

- On-site supplies (i.e. backpacks, team building materials, folders, etc)
- Facility (which includes, canoes and low or high ropes course)
- Body of water optional, but recommended
- Staffing (1 adult and 1 youth staff per 10 youth)
- Logistics (including registration) coordinator for the entire week
- Trainer of Trainers (2 days before training begins with all staff members)

Price: Begins at \$55,000 customized to meet your needs
(based on 60 youth)

*The development of a new issue area will increase the cost.



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