

# Youth Engagement: Developing Youth as Agents of Change



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Use this guided note-taking sheet to help you reflect on your current practice. Make note of any ideas, strategies or tools that you would like to capture and incorporate into your work!! 😊 We will even build in few breaks along the way to make sure you don't forget anything!

## Values of Youth Development Work

What values are you living as you conduct youth development work?

What values do you need more or less of in your work? How will your youth engagement change as a result?

## Reflections on Community Builders

What values toward youth (and their development) did you see in the video?

In what ways did you see students embrace/own their voices? How did you see their power?

What adult behaviors supported students in finding their voice?

What lessons/examples/ideas do you want to replicate in your student program? How? Why?

## Creating a Safe Space

How have I been successful or unsuccessful in creating a safe space with my students?

What new tools or strategies seem like a good fit for my youth programming?

Next week, I will incorporate the following two or three actions/behaviors into my practice to establish a safe space with my youth...

## Leadership & Rituals

What is one opening and/or closing ritual you can commit to doing?

What will it look like if I do a good job incorporating student leadership into my programming? What will I see or hear? How will students feel?

## FINAL REFLECTION

What adult behaviors & values need to be present when having discussions or facilitating activities with students?

What opportunities for student voice can I incorporate into my youth programming?

In what ways can I be more intentional about making students feel safe sharing their ideas and/or opinions?

How can what I just learned in this workshop be implemented into my daily practice with my colleagues and/or with the students that I serve?