UsNow

Civic Engagement and Leadership Development

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has"
-- Margaret Mead

ABOUT US

UsNow promotes civic engagement and leadership through civic discourse, volunteerism, and opportunities for community action. We believe that a thriving democracy requires actively engaged individuals who understand the intersection between personal and societal wellbeing, and who work together for positive change.

It's up to **us**; let's act **now**.

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"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."
-- President Barack Obama

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Designed to develop leadership skills and promote civic engagement among teens and young adults (**ages 15-20**) in Los Angeles, the Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement Initiative brings young people together to discuss civic issues and work together for positive change.

ONE-DAY YOUTH WORKSHOPS *

Our interactive workshops provide participants with opportunities to learn about leadership and teamwork while tackling issues that matter to them.

TAKE THE LEAD

We will explore social and cultural assumptions about leaders and teach a collaborative model of leadership. Participants will discover their unique leadership styles and ways they can take the lead in their communities.

VOTING IS NOT ENOUGH

This workshop focuses on the power of democracy and how social movements have brought about change. Participants will learn strategies for engaging at all levels of government through democratic processes and direct action.

LET'S ACT NOW

Together we will learn the nuts and bolts of taking community action, including project planning, proposal writing, and implementation. From creating an after-school program to starting a social movement, participants will identify their passions and develop step-by-step plans for putting their ideas into action.

USNOW ALSO DESIGNS CUSTOM TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION OR COMMUNITY.

*** All programming is eligible for community service & volunteer hours.**

Sign-up for our workshops online today:
www.relationalcenter.org/UsNow

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT *

In partnership with local schools and other organizations, leadership cohorts of 5-8 participants meet regularly with UsNow facilitators to become leaders of our one-day workshops and present them to their peers. Cohort members receive ongoing leadership and project management coaching for projects they wish to develop and implement in their communities.

SOROYO - SOUTH ROBERTSON YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM *

This program is funded in part by the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council and brings our youth civic engagement and leadership offerings to youth who live, work, or go to school in South Robertson. This program works closely with local schools and the Neighborhoods Council to effect change in the South Robertson neighborhoods.