Youth Ubuntu Project (YUP) Summer 2019

Workshops: Students in Action

Our youth were trained in a series of leadership workshops including Participatory Facilitation, Active Listening, Anti-Muslim Racism, Roots of Migration, and Restorative Justice. Along their journey, they led workshops and engaged with partner organizations such as the Chinese Progressive Association (CPA), the Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), Eastie Farm, the Muslim Justice League (MJL), UMASS Boston’s TAG ALERTA Project, Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center (ISBCC), Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) and Hyde Square Task Force.

Intern Sumeya Ali with YUP Core Leaders at the Mass. State House visiting their legislators to advocate for the Safe Communities Act.

About YUP:

The Youth Ubuntu Project (YUP) is a collaborative project between the Center to Support Immigrant Organizing (CSIO) & African Community Economic Development of New England (ACEDONE). Launched in 2013, YUP’s mission is to develop immigrant teen grassroots leadership in social justice efforts, and build unity and solidarity among youth in Boston’s diverse immigrant communities.
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"Workshops like active listening helped me build more confidence and facilitation skills."
- YUP Leader Rajnique Reid, who led social justice discussions with our partner City School.

"As an immigrant, the program addresses issues that affect immigrants well because it teaches us about how immigration and important things about it works."
- YUP Leader Ayan Mohammed

Below, Core Leaders conduct research with youth from TAG-ALERTA at UMASS Boston. Since 2017, YUP Leaders have teamed up with UMASS Boston Professor Patricia Krueger-Henney to develop a Participatory Action Research (PAR) project that engages the community on issues relating to English Learner (EL) students in the Boston Public Schools. Teens developed and gathered data from surveys and interviews with EL students and parents, building their research skills and their campaign to eliminate the achievement gap facing EL students. August 2019.

Core Leaders Mustafa Jama (left) and Bryan Castro (right) built their leadership and facilitation skills by facilitating workshops such as Anti-Muslim Racism and conducting student-led research with youth at Hyde Square Task Force.

From left to right: Interns Mohammed Dayib, Zenaida Rodrigues; CSIO Co-Director Kevin Whalen, CSIO Youth Coordinator Judenie Dabel, Interns Tinashe Madzivanyika, Sumeoya Ali, Maria Ferreira & Wren Li; and CSIO Co-Director Luz Zambrano.

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