

YOUTH CREATE MEDIA PROJECT

Self-expression, Community Involvement and
Leadership of Middle Grade Youth in NYC Schools



Philosophy & Intended Outcomes

At the Academy for Educational Development (AED), we believe that young people are the next generation of leaders and media producers. We see a future where all young people have the skills and self-confidence to be active, visible contributors to the world around them.

As a teacher advisor, you will help students create the conditions that can best support shared decision-making, leadership, free and responsible youth voices and a respectful exchange of ideas through creating a five-minute flip video piece.

Your goal is to work with students and the team at AED to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increasing student's voice, value and visibility among peers, adult allies, and community members;
- Supporting students to examine themselves as leaders now and in the future within the context of a community;
- Increasing students self-efficacy and empowerment;
- Sustaining teen inquiry, civic engagement, leadership and expression as part of the school-community culture;
- Connecting a regional network of students and advisors, who can help their schools bring youth media and student engagement to life.

About the Project

Students and teacher advisors will participate in a local youth media screening in NYC and two workshops on:

- Media Literacy/Leadership Development
- Media Production

Each of the participating schools will receive a flip-video camera and have 5 weeks to develop a short, 5 minute or less film on the concept of local leadership, youth voice and expression, changing or affecting school culture, and/or civic engagement/ social change.

Eligibility

The Youth Create Media Project is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in exploring leadership, self-expression, and their local community through youth media.

Schools and teacher advisors must identify four to five students to participate that can collectively invest approximately 20 hours of time to the project and present the final piece at a public screening at The New School, Lang Center NYC on June 3, 2010.

Benefits for Participants

- A Flip Video camcorder for each participating school <http://www.theflip.com/en-us/> to use and keep after the program.
- A \$500 stipend for teacher advisors.
- Support, training and leadership from a local youth media producer.
- The opportunity to present each film at a screening co-sponsored by The New School in NYC.

Requirements for Participants

- Participate in two workshops and one youth media screening (locations and dates TBA); in addition, welcome school visits and observations.
- Metro Cards will be provided to all participants for the workshops and screenings" (held primarily at AED-NYC Headquarters in Union Square)
- Students and teacher advisors must work collaboratively to create, edit, produce and present the final video piece at the culminating screening.
- Blogspot reflections, observations, successes and challenges associated with leadership and the process of producing media about one's community.



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