

Institute Participants

Students

We are seeking a diverse group of 20-30 youth in rising grades 9-12 from public, charter, independent and parochial schools from D.C., MD, and VA. We will give priority to clusters of 3-5 students from the same school or after-school club. We will look for commitment, leadership, and diversity among the applicants

Peer Advisors

We will have 2-3 college students to help guide our work who have knowledge of diversity issues and experience with student groups involved in social action.

Faculty

4-5 Faculty will be professionals in the field of diversity and equity training. With a variety of identities, they will share their skills and knowledge with an awareness that the youth have experiences, ideas, and skills to offer as well.

**Youth Action for Social Justice
is a project of East Ed with the
support of All Souls Church,
NTL Institute and area schools**

Eastern Educational Resource Collaborative's (East Ed) mission is to serve as a resource to schools and agencies and support the establishment of equitable, anti-bias, multicultural environments.

For nine years East Ed has educated and activated youth throughout the metro DC area with its Middle and High school Diversity Leadership Conferences. Youth have also participated in East Ed's Summer Institutes on diversity and multicultural education.

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**Want to be a student leader?
Like to change your school?
Active on diversity Issues?**

Join us!

**Summer
Social Justice
Leadership
Institute
August 3-8, 2009**



The Institute

Goals

To build a cadre of high school youth with the self-awareness, skills and commitment to move from diversity awareness to social action in their schools and communities.

Process

Explore the diversity in our own lives

Examine sources of prejudice and discrimination

Reflect on the history of racism and other forms of oppression in the U.S.

Build communication and conflict resolution skills in order to challenge privilege and power

Practice building inclusive and equitable community.

Design

Group discussions —Videos

Museum visits—Community tours—Historic Sites

Personal reflection—Creating art—Sharing music

Rafting—Cooking—Hiking —Fun

Outcomes

Greater self-awareness and leadership abilities

New understanding of diversity and social justice issues

Ways to talk about and interrupt bias and discrimination

Ideas for taking action in your school and community

Connections with other youth who want to take action

Location

Residential—August 3-5

Harpers Ferry, WV

With its history, trails, and rivers, Harpers Ferry is an ideal location to begin to explore equity and justice issues as we build connections and community. We will stay in the Harpers Ferry Youth Hostel, visit historic sites, go river rafting, cook meals in teams as we build a learning community.

Day Program—August 6-8

All Souls Church, Unitarian

1500 Harvard St, NW
Washington, D.C.
Columbia Heights Metro

Located at the crossroads of Columbia Heights, Adams Morgan and Mount Pleasant, All Souls is an organization committed to building a multicultural community and promoting social justice everywhere.

Fees

The Institute Registration Fee is \$500

Financial Aid is available

Application deadline: June 30, 2009

Cancellation Policy: 60 days 75% refund,
30 days 50% refund, 2 weeks 20% refund,
after 14 days, no refunds.

Please send application to: Youth Action for Social Justice
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Application

Application also available online at
www.easted.org/youthaction

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Ethnicity: _____ Religion: _____

Race: _____ 1st Language: _____

Clubs or activities: _____

Financial Aid —Yes _____ No _____

Our Purpose

To build a vibrant movement of youth for social justice in the Metro DC area built on diversity awareness and social action. We will facilitate student dialogue, training, and action through the Diversity Leadership Conferences, Youth Action Cafes, and the Summer Social Justice Leadership Institute. We will serve as an umbrella for the meeting and networking of existing youth groups that share a commitment to social justice, regardless of their primary issue.