

Igniting Leadership in Young People Webinar: Questions and Responses

Question 1: Share the quotes that guide you.

- “If you have come to help me you are wasting your time. If you see your liberation as bound up with mine than we can work together.” - Lilla Watson
- “If you never say no, your yes doesn’t mean as much.”
- “Leadership is not bullying. Leadership is not aggression. Leadership is the expectation that you can use your voice for good. That you can make the world a better place.” -Sheryl Sandberg
- “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Dr. Seuss
- “If you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far go together.”
- “Sometimes people need compassion the most when they deserve it the least.”
- “Believe there is good in the world.”
- “A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader; a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves.” Eleanor Roosevelt

Question 2: How do you envision your best self?

- Always treating others with respect, honoring their opinion, even if I am on the opposite side. Never judging.
- From a group: Peaceful, Balanced, Focused, Accepting People Where They Are, Non-Judgmental
- Best self: acceptance of others and all of their abilities

Question 3: What is a leadership quality that you have?

- “Unexpected leadership quality is humor...the ability to poke fun at myself and my mistakes.”
- “I am a Leader when I am honest”
- “I am a leader when I have a positive attitude”
- “I am a leader when I am a good Listener”

Question 4: Examples of when you felt loved at work? (Agape love)

- “I feel love when I feel that my environment is a safe space. Safe to make mistakes, safe to celebrate my successes, safe to challenge myself.”
- “When volunteers thank you for something specific you did for them.”
- “When a co-worker helps with a project, with “no strings attached”
- “I feel loved when my boss/coworker invest their time in me--ask about a project, the kids, life in general. Listen and are empathetic.”

Question 5: One way I can make my students feel seen.

- Affirming them.
- Giving them the space and resources to define and pursue what excites them.
- Praise them publically for example: social media, press release, website
- Not just allowing youth to take ownership of their leadership experiences, but actively encouraging them to do so. "I believe in your abilities."

Question 6: One way I can make my students feel seen, heard, valued, and understood.

- By LISTENING to them...
- Implement their ideas, ask their opinion, invite them to participate in other organizational meetings and activities
- We don't let a single meeting/event go by without asking for feedback from our youth.
- Instead of "teaching" our youth, ask them to teach us!
- Don't forget to "value" youth by celebrating their accomplishments!
- Be Positive & Smile
- Treat people like you want to be treated!!
- Noticing the little things: I see how hard you've been working, I appreciate your feedback, thanks for being so attentive to detail.
- Show you care by following up on conversations you've had prior--letting them know your support.