Youth Superpowers: a positive youth identity-based change framework for PYD

The Youth Superpowers framework was developed as a World Vision and World Bank collaboration for the PYD model Youth Ready + Evoke. It describes six positive youth identities that reflect a set of practical skills, social-emotional competencies, mindsets and character strengths that empower a young person to respond to economic opportunities and contribute to the well-being of their communities in new ways. As youth progress through the curriculum, participatory learning activities invite them to experiment with new ideas, attitudes and behaviors. Within a safe and supportive environment, youth grow and change, and their sense of who they are and how they show up in the world evolves. The identities give clarity and language to meaningfully describe these changes as youth become agents of change in their own lives and communities.
Resilient Agent - Youth that are Resilient Agents have a sense of purpose, self-efficacy and an accurate recognition of who they are and who they can become, which enables them to persist, learn and grow, and exercise control over their lives. They are aware of who they are and the potential they have. They are empowered with a positive self-identity, perseverance, a sense of purpose, self-awareness, self-management skills, a growth mindset, and abilities for self-care.

Creative Visionary - Youth that are Creative Visionaries believe that they can help create a positive forward-looking future for themselves and for others. They envision and create a better tomorrow with their powers of creativity, vision, curiosity, imagination, entrepreneurial mindset and hope.

Reflective Innovators - Youth that are Reflective Innovators think clearly, creatively, and reflectively about a problem and experiment with possible solutions. They have the ability for critical reflection, problem solving, research & analysis, goal setting & planning, experimentation, and openness & adaptability.

Inclusive Collaborator - Youth that are Inclusive Collaborators develop healthy and trusting relationships with others and use their diverse strengths and background to accomplish shared and meaningful goals. They work collaboratively and are skilled in inclusiveness, teamwork, communication, relationship management, conflict resolution, and generosity of spirit.

Empathetic Changemaker - Youth that are Empathetic Changemakers are proactive and show their commitment for justice. They actively listen for understanding, engage with issues, mobilize and serve with others in order to transform people’s lives in their community and in the world. They take action and employ their powers of empathy, contribution, leadership, courage, values-led action, and responsibility.

Productive Citizen - Youth that are Productive Citizens are willing and capable to engage in socially responsible and economically productive activities. They are prepared for the world of work and economic citizenship with skills that include reading comprehension, financial literacy, digital/cyber literacy, career planning & job search, entrepreneurship and work readiness.

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