

Power Up Youth Summits

Leeds, Grenville & Lanark

2017



General Overview

- * ON 150 Grant received through Volunteer Centre- a collaboration of **15 different organizations**
- * **Youth involved** in planning and implementation
- * Overall goal of **increasing resiliency** through civic engagement
- * Long term outcomes that **youth feel valued, respected, and build meaningful relationships within their communities**



Objectives

- * To provide a forum for youth connections between rural communities.
- * To provide opportunities for knowledge and experience sharing among local youth groups from different municipalities.
- * To inspire, celebrate, and share civic engagement opportunities for youth in LGL.
- * To provide a safe space for youth voices to be recognized, respected and valued.
- * To plan for sustainability.

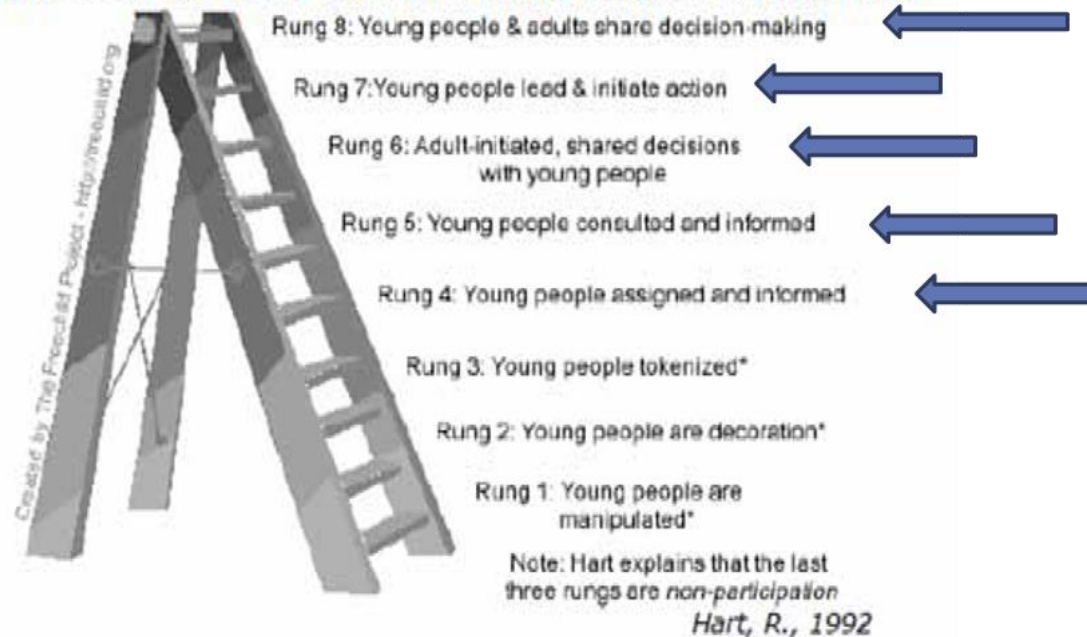


Planning Journey - Youth Involvement

"Nothing about us without us"

- * Youth feedback was sought in two different ways:
 - * Through existing youth forums
 - * Youth participating in the larger planning group

Figure 3: Roger Harts Ladder of Young People's Participation



Planning Journey - Youth Involvement

"Nothing about us without us"

- * Youth were instrumental in planning almost all areas of the summits including:
 - * Workshop topics, workshop facilitators, entertainment, team-building activities, food choices, venue, incentives and evaluations.



Power Up The Weekend Summit



Workshop Topics

Volunteering – Connecting to your community – How to make it work for you!

Entrepreneurship & Employment – Engaging and inspiring young professionals

Leadership Re-wired! Personal Leadership for Community Engagement.

Engaging Communities – Inspiring Stories and Knowledge Sharing from Local Youth Leaders

Rage Against the Industry - Tobacco Industry De-normalization

Art Advocacy – Slam Poetry, Graffiti Murals, Videos and more – Sending a creative message.

Community & Party Safety – What can you do to help create a safe community?

Disable the Label - “New Mentality” – Youth voices influencing change around mental health.

Political Engagement – How to Make Your Voice Heard... Let’s talk about lowering the voting age!

Food Security – Beyond food banks: community gardens, food hubs, working towards sustainable nutrition.

Consent & Manifest Change – Empowering youth to end violence and promote healthy relationships.

Evaluation

- * Youth involvement in the planning of the evaluation
- * Collected quantitative & qualitative data



Evaluation

Workshop Survey



Power Up Youth Summit Workshop Sessions Evaluation Form

Workshop Name: _____

Please take a few moments to provide us with feedback about this workshop. All information will be kept confidential and only summary data will be shared. Your comments are very important to us.

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:

Please circle your response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My <u>knowledge</u> related to this topic has increased after attending this session ...	☺	☺	☹	☹
I <u>can use</u> this information in my community...	☺	☺	☹	☹
I <u>plan to use</u> this information in my community...	☺	☺	☹	☹

Do you have any comments or suggestions for improvement?

Thank you!

Overall Summit Survey



Power Up Youth Summit February 3rd – 5th 2017

Please take a few moments to provide us with feedback on the Power Up Youth Summit. All information will be kept confidential and only summary data will be shared. You will not be personally identified. Your comments are very important to us!

Once you have completed your survey please remember to put your ballot in the draw for a chance to win one of three grand prizes, a Polaroid Cube, iPad Mini or gift basket containing a variety of gift cards. Total prize value of approximately \$1000.

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about the Youth Summit.

Please circle your response	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Overall, I was <u>satisfied</u> with the Power Up Youth Summit...	☺	☺	☹	☹
This event was <u>youth-friendly</u> . It was a space where I felt safe, valued, and respected...	☺	☺	☹	☹
The <u>topics</u> presented at the Power Up Youth Summit were of interest to me...	☺	☺	☹	☹
After this event I feel more <u>inspired</u> to take action in my community...	☺	☺	☹	☹
After this event I feel more <u>connected</u> to other youth (i.e. I developed friendships/relationships and/or ties)...	☺	☺	☹	☹
I learned more about <u>civic engagement</u> (i.e. working together to make a difference in my community)...	☺	☺	☹	☹

What was your favourite part of this event?

How could we improve?

What will you take back to your school or community as a result of this event?

Thank you!

Evaluation

Speaker's Corner



Partner Debrief Meeting

Evaluation

The Results

Please rate <u>your level of agreement</u> with the following statements about the Youth Summit.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Overall, I was <u>satisfied</u> with the Power Up Youth Summit...(n=48)	35(73%)	13(27%)	0	0
This event was <u>youth -friendly</u> . It was a space where I felt safe, valued, and respected... (n=48)	29(60%)	19(40%)	0	0
The <u>topics</u> presented at the Power Up Youth Summit were of <u>interest</u> to me...(n=48)	25(52%)	21(44%)	2(4%)	0
After this event I feel more <u>inspired</u> to take action in my community... (n=48)	26(54%)	20(42%)	2(4%)	0
After this event I feel more <u>connected</u> to other youth (i.e. I developed friendships/relationships and/or ties)... (n=48)	19(40%)	28(58%)	1(2%)	0
I learned more about <u>civic engagement</u> (i.e. working together to make a difference in my community)...(n=48)	26(54%)	22(46%)	0	0

Evaluation

The Results

What was your favourite part of this event?

- *"The various workshops and speakers that educated us on how to engage in the community in different ways to establish our purpose in civic involvement. Very effective summit!"*
- *"The workshops, music, having a nice room to share, food was great, being together in groups."*
- *"Meeting new people and being able to talk without being judged."*

How could we improve?

- *"Only 1 hour for a workshop and more workshops."*
- *"More hands on experience during the workshops."*
- *"Maybe 1 more day so there would be more workshops / info (like 4 days and 3 nights) (longer)"*

What will you take back to your school or community as a result of this event?

- *"I will take back tips and advice that can better help our youth group and community."*
- *"I will have the knowledge to talk and advocate for what I'm passionate about."*
- *"How to be a good leader and stuff to do with advocacy."*
- *"Everything - we will make a difference to the community."*

Evaluation

The Results

- * Celebrate the successes of the project
- * Youth involvement was credited with helping the project to be successful
- * Increased connections with other partners
- * Agencies strengthened their capacity to deliver on their mandate in innovative ways
- * Successes: full use of YE principles, funding, commitment of partners
- * Challenges: travel distances, delay in funds, implementation of action plans at the summit
- * Would like it to be a yearly summit

Lessons Learned

- * Offer different levels for youth participation in planning
- * Challenge your assumptions
- * Incentives + dedicated time to complete = 98% response rate!



Power Up 2.0

The Day Summit



Evaluation 2.0

The Questions

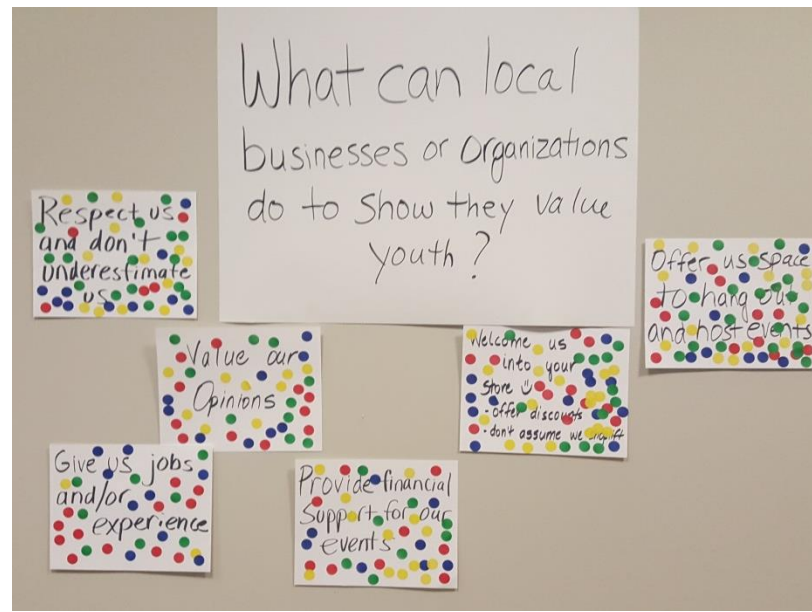
- * What can local businesses or organizations do to show they value youth?
- * How do you want your voice heard? How can the community show that they are listening to what you say?
- * How can communities support recreational opportunities for youth?



Themes

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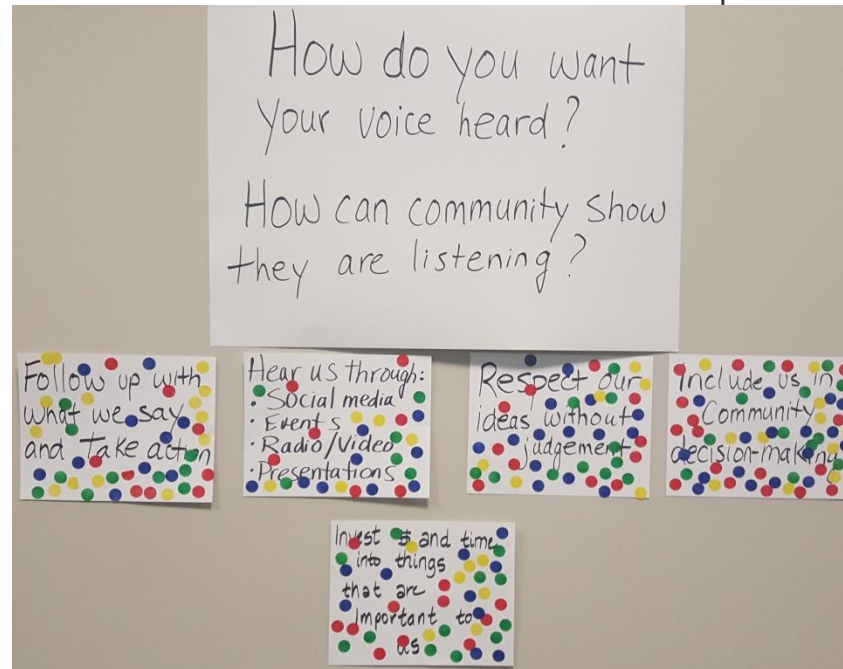
Themes	# of Votes Recorded (n=206)
• Offer us space to hang out and host events	55 (26%)
• Welcome us into your store; offer discounts and don't assume we shoplift	55 (26%)
• Respect us and don't underestimate us	43 (21%)
• Value our opinions	39 (19%)
• Provide financial support for our events	38 (18%)
• Give us jobs and/ or experience	31 (15%)



Themes

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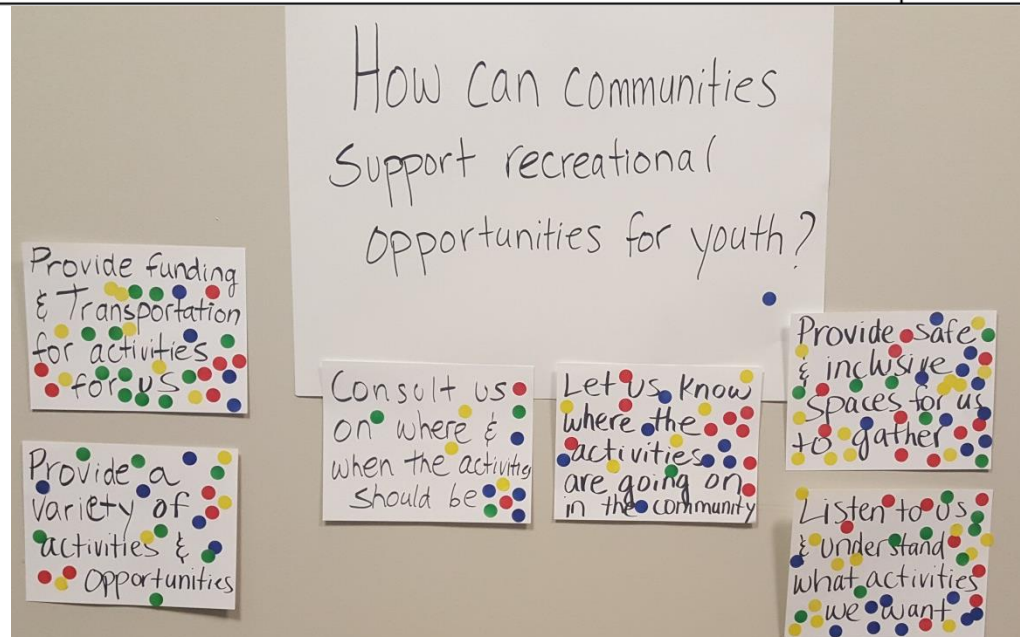
Themes	# of Votes Recorded (n=153)
• Include us in community decision-making	57 (37%)
• Respect our ideas without judgement	43 (28%)
• Follow up with what we say and take action	43 (28%)
• Invest time and money into things that are important to us	40 (26%)
• Hear us through: social media, events, radio/video, presentations	27 (18%)



Themes

How can communities support recreational opportunities for youth?

Themes	# of Votes Recorded (n=119)
• Provide safe and inclusive spaces for us to gather	38 (32%)
• Listen to us and understand what activities we want	36 (30%)
• Provide funding and transportation for activities for us	29 (24%)
• Let us know where the activities are going on in the community	22 (18%)
• Provide a variety of activities and opportunities	20 (17%)
• Consult us on where and when the activities should be	12 (10%)



Recommendations



- * Share these results with youth serving organizations and youth planning tables
- * Use these results to shape questions for additional focus groups with youth
- * Use the results to inform future planning and grant applications
- * Explore ways to communicate future results and community initiatives back to youth

LEGO Evaluation

- * Use pieces of LEGO to **rate your level of agreement**
- * The presentation was useful to my work:
 - * **Strongly Agree** = 4 pieces of LEGO *together*
 - * **Agree** = 3 pieces of LEGO *together*
 - * **Disagree** = 2 pieces of LEGO *together*
 - * **Strongly Disagree** = 1 piece of LEGO
- * Place LEGO into tissue box provided.

