

Emerging
Leaders

FORUM



Why does this matter?

Do you care about *making some change* in your school, your town, your world?

Do you wish you had *more tools* for doing that work?

Do you want to *learn from others* who are also working for change?

Even if you don't think of yourself as a leader right now, *do you wish you could be?*

This is an unprecedented time when the voices of young people are being elevated and honored on a national level. Your passion and wisdom are palpable forces for change. We invite you to join a network of young people who are emerging into leadership positions, and your adult partners, to further develop your skills as an agent of change in the work of leading yourself, leading others, and changing our world. This forum will elevate youth voice and youth-adult partnership in learning and decision-making in schools and in social justice, environmental and sustainability issues on a local, state, and national level.

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WHAT WILL YOU EXPERIENCE?

Supportive and engaging learning community for personal exploration

Interactive learning experiences (not lectures!)

Tools and strategies for project planning

Strong sense of collective mission

Opportunity to share each team's goals and work plans

Caring network of peers and adult partners

Ways to document and share the work (podcasts/video/reflection/web)

Time to get to know one another
Great food!

Fun!

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What is the opportunity?

UP for Learning and the Center for Creative Leadership will collaborate to create the time and space for planning, learning, growth, and team building. Together we will lay the foundation from which to build your initiatives.

You can earn proficiency-based high school credit for this work by creating an independent study. We will work with you and your adult partners to help you integrate the work into your Personalized Learning Plan (PLP).

We believe that:

- ♦ Everyone is a leader in their own right.
- ♦ Leadership is a life-long journey and comes from lived experience.
- ♦ Change happens through dialogue.
- ♦ Extraordinary things happen when we explore our work in a caring, safe community.
- ♦ Creating a caring, safe community for everyone to grow is a responsibility we all share.

Forum meetings

- ♦ Orientation and training: October 19–20, 2018 (Common Ground Center, Starksboro, VT)
- ♦ Two-day mid-year training (to be scheduled in the winter at a central location)
- ♦ Power2 Summit & Closing event for reflection and celebration: May 1, 2019 (Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT)

Application

The team of three to five (2-3 youth and 1-2 adults) will complete a written application that introduces the team members and explains their project.

Preference will be given to:

- ♦ Youth who have not previously joined in other structured leadership opportunities, including those who face resource barriers (e.g., work responsibilities, transportation). Funding is available for transportation, time away from work and other resource barriers.
- ♦ School teams from communities impacted by an opportunity gap and/or with limited resources for participation in structured leadership development opportunities.

Cost & Funding

There is no cost for participating in the Emerging Leaders Forum. Funding has been provided by the Bay and Paul Foundations, the McClure Foundation, the Vermont Community Foundation, UP for Learning and the Center for Creative Leadership.

UP for Learning, a Vermont-based nonprofit organization, provides training, resource development, and ongoing support for a wide variety of opportunities for young people to assume meaningful roles in shaping their learning and their lives.

The Center for Creative Leadership is a globally recognized institution focused on leadership research and leadership education for leaders of all ages.

