



Youth Empowerment and Student Leadership Resources

Publications and platforms:

- **Youth Today** covers news and resources for youth development professionals, from after-school programming to juvenile justice. (youthtoday.org)
- **Teaching Tolerance/Learning for Justice** offers an anti-bias curriculum and youth voice tools to empower students as change agents.
- **Teen Vogue** (Politics & Activism section) amplifies youth-led activism, civic education, and social justice efforts. (teenvogue.com)
- **YES! Magazine** shares inspiring real-life stories of young changemakers working for justice and sustainability. (yesmagazine.org)
- **The 74, DoSomething.org**
- **Youth Voice Journal**

Youth Community Service and Volunteerism Resources

- **Youth Service America (YSA)** documents youth-led service projects and supports Global Youth Service Day. (ysa.org)
- **Teen Ink** offers a space where teens write about volunteering and civic engagement. (teenink.com)
- **Roots & Shoots Magazine**, from the Jane Goodall Institute, highlights youth environmental and humanitarian service projects. (rootsandshoots.org)

Organizations like **Service Year Alliance** and **Points of Light Youth Programs** connect young people with service opportunities nationwide.

Podcasts on Youth Empowerment

- **Youth Voice Amplified and Raising Youth Voices** center authentic, youth-led discussions around systems, civic action, and justice.
- **Dear Teenage Me and Girl Empowerment Network—Unfiltered** offers mental health conversations and leadership development, especially for teens and girls.
- **Youth on Subjects of the World and GenZ-Gab** feature teen hosts discussing global and personal challenges, showcasing youth agency.

Foundations and Organizations Supporting Youth Leadership

In the U.S. and globally, many organizations invest in youth empowerment:

- **The Posse Foundation, YouthBuild USA, Girls Inc., and Ashoka Youth Ventures** foster leadership, education, and changemaking.
- Globally, **Plan International, The Global Youth Empowerment Fund, and The International Youth Foundation** empower youth to drive solutions aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Grants for Youth-Led Projects

- **Global Youth Empowerment Fund, Peace First, The Pollination Project, and Youth Service America** provide mini-grants to kickstart service, advocacy, and innovation projects.
- **The Awesome Foundation and Karma for Cara Foundation** also support youth-led community service through microgrants.

Inspiring Youth Leaders

Finally, young leaders like **Mari Copeny** (“**Little Miss Flint**”), **Jahkil Jackson** of *Project I Am*, and **Khloe Thompson** of *Khloe Kares* demonstrate youth's incredible impact in areas like environmental justice, homelessness advocacy, literacy, and mental health.