

Youth, Economics, and Civic Engagement

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How Youth Can Harness Their Inner and Collective Power to Build a Better World for All!

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Learning Objective: In this learning exercise, youth will learn about how best to utilize their inner voice and heart intelligence to create positive change for themselves, their communities, and the world at large.

Youth Empowerment Through a Youth Economic System

Sometimes, listening and reading the world's current affairs can seem disempowering if you are a young person who can't vote yet. So much of the world's happenings seem out of your control, yet you have to deal with the emotional and physical consequences of what is happening in the world by those that run it. You live in an interesting time where almost half of the world's population is youth (defined as 24 and younger). At Youthful Savings, we will always say that the better the youth, the better the world. Therefore, the world can be a better place if you can mobilize your generation to come together and create better systems for all. For us, the theory of change is that the more young, independent business owners with values-based modes of operating, the better the world's products and services will be. Everything you see in the world is a business. Whether it's political parties and elected officials with a budget or a big corporation that is selling you groceries. Business is how money is transferred from one party to another in hopes of receiving a valuable product or service. When those products or services are not valuable, people lose hope in the power of business. At Youthful Savings, the core of our empowerment lies in you all creating the next generation of businesses with values that are funded through our Community Investment Fund, which is regenerated when you buy and sell to each other (10% of each transaction goes back to the fund). You can apply to receive prepaid capital to increase your profitability further. The more you buy and sell to each other, the more money is available for your generation to increase your profitability (sustainability) to pay your bills. It takes away your reliance on the current debt economy that was created by banks. This is a huge shift from previous generations and what we hope is a creation of real economic change through kind capitalism based on bottom-up economics.

**For more information about how to start your own business,
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