

Objective: To provide service project framework and support for youth to make a difference to the issues they care about.

Benefits: Empowers youth to realize their potential and value. Enhances youth leadership, project management, financial, creative, innovative, and critical thinking skills.

Process: Each session (approx. 9 weeks) will focus on a non-profit organization partner that has significant youth interest and support (current interest is in Animal Advocacy and Environmental groups). A kick-off meeting will start with a presentation by the non-profit including information about their mission, goals, and community benefits and involvement.

After the presentation, participants will divide into groups based on the type of project that most interests them (see types below). Each group will have parents/adult specialists that will provide guidance and framework for the kids. Leaders guide their group to identify project options, lead a discussion on the effectiveness, expense, and potential of each, and an election of the most popular project idea. Leaders will set up a schedule with their group and encourage engagement by each participant, assist in the creation of goals and a mission statement, cultivate leadership skills, and provide guidance in task delegation, accountability meetings, marketing/demographics, economics and accounting, and learning new crafts (if applicable). The itscool2care's booth at Discovery Green (third Sunday of each month from noon-4p) will be provided as a platform for each group's project. Each group will schedule a 2 to 4 hour shift completing their project by engaging the public. Upon completion of the project, the group will write a project summary to illustrate their process, lessons, and provide the details in a project sheet that can be shared with the partnering non-profit organization and on itscool2care's website to inspire, educate, and replicate.

Project types/examples:

Education

Informational Displays
Handouts

Collecting Stuff

Supply Drives

Selling Crafts

Jewelry Making
Message Tshirts
Shopping Bags
Messenger purses

Raising Money

Sponsorship/Donation boxes
Bake Sale
Services like face painting, caricatures, sand art, spin art.