

YOUNG ORGANIZERS

Great ideas evolve collaboratively.

Key takeaways from our virtual circles with 17 young organizers and 13 supportive adults from across the country.

July - August 2020

LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!
DID WE MISS ANYTHING?
WOULD YOU ADD ANYTHING TO THIS LIST?

WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU

You are looking for:

- financial stability - for college, aspirations of being business owners in the community
- a space for sharing ideas and what we do in our communities + be inspired by hearing from peers
- education: how to advocate, empower our communities, uplift cultural strengths, learn about past and present social justice movements
- positivity and fun
- rest and recharge
- opportunities to be heard - by our peers and adults
- support, connection, networking and belonging
- a place to grow as a leader (ability, ideas, etc.)
- time both with and without supportive adults in the room/discussion
- resources and guidance to make your communities better
- justice (wanting to strive for change and understand origin of injustice)



WHAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

Both in virtual circles and in general at this time:

- specific talents and knowledge: bike mechanics, carpentry, urban farming, facilitating, relationship building, mentorship, art and poetry, recruiting friends, social media, translation
- your vulnerability and realness: stories, experiences, perspectives, cultures, aspirations, uncertainties
- Ideas, open ears and arms, and upliftment of each other

TOPICS WE HAVE EXPLORED

- Redlining: understanding the world around us
- Dreaming specifically: goals for yourself and your community
- Superpowers: what you want / what you bring
- Social justice movements: Black Panther Party for Self-Defense and identifying parallels to the Black Lives Matter movement
- Our origins and our community: where we come from shapes us, individualism vs. collectivism, media depiction
- Group agreements: community building together



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