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Spotlight on DIVAS for Social Justice, Site Leader Institute, Upcoming JEDI Trainings, and More!

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Spotlight: DIVAS for Social Justice



DIVAS (Digital Interactive Visual Arts Sciences) for Social Justice encourages and empowers youth living in underserved communities to use technology toward social change. The organization serves predominantly African American, Latino, and Afro-Caribbean youth.

For the past 15 years, DIVAS for Social Justice has provided free STEAM-based (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) programming to youth living in Central Brooklyn (Bedford Stuyvesant,

Bushwick, Crown Heights, East New York) and Southeast Queens (Laurelton).

The organization's students have created impactful multimedia projects rooted in environmental conservation, reproductive justice, leadership development, and more. Highlights include:

The Bed Stuy Community Eco-Mapping Project: An interactive map that highlights green assets in the community to raise awareness of urban farming in communities of color. (This project was produced under the Thru My Lens Project.)

Gentrification Through The Eyes of Youth: A multimedia exhibit which featured 3D-Printed Brownstones on a map of Bedford Stuyvesant to represent 40 years of racial changes due to gentrification. The exhibit also used robotics and video-based interviews

from community residents and leaders to provide solutions. (This project was developed through the organization's STEAM Camp and featured at The Weeksville Heritage Center.)

The Garden Of Resilience: Youth identified an abandoned lot in Springfield Gardens and took the necessary steps to have the land transferred to the Parks Department. The process took over two years. Students utilized Web 2.0 by setting up digital petitions to obtain community involvement and wrote numerous opinion editorials building community journalism skills on a hyper local news portal. (STEAM for Social Change afterschool program.)

Laurelton.nyc: DIVAS for Social Justice launched this neighborhood site to increase digital literacy in Southeast Queens. The organization also developed a community journalism curriculum in which students serve as news teams in the schools involved and produce community stories that are published on the site. (Laurelton.nyc is powered through a partnership with The Mayor's Office Of Innovation and Technology.)

Visit the [DIVAS for Social Justice](#) website to get involved and find out more about their programs.

Program Spotlight

Want to be featured on Facebook or our enews?

Fill out the personal/program form to tell us about the great things you or your program are doing.

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Site Leader Institute

Site directors in afterschool programs are often skilled at working with children and youth but have minimal training in program operation and management. In order to build the best foundation for programs, the Network for Youth Success delivers training and support to site directors and leaders. Through the Site Leader Institute, new directors are exposed to the knowledge base and skill set of effective afterschool supervision and management. This includes managing staff roles, supporting staff development, and addressing problems effectively. Participants will also explore techniques for managing themselves, their work, and the work of others (i.e., time management and project management skills).

The Site Leader Institute will be led by Timothy Fowler, Professional Development Director for the Network for Youth Success. Participants who attend all 6 sessions will earn 15 OCFS approved training hours. Sessions will be held over Zoom from 9:30 am-12:30 pm on the following dates:

Tues., Nov. 29
Thurs., Dec. 1
Tues., Dec. 6
Thurs., Dec. 8
Tues., Dec. 13
Thurs., Dec. 15

The cost is \$700 per person. For more information or to register, [click here](#).

AS PART OF THE SITE LEADER INSTITUTE YOU RECEIVE:

- Intense support and training for managers who are new to afterschool or to their roles

- Skills related to supervision including developing staff and addressing problems
- Techniques related to time and project management
- Beyond the Bell resource to aid system-building
- Print version of New York State Quality Self-Assessment Tool 3rd Edition
- A cohort of peers to help you learn across 2022-23 in three follow-up sessions
- Professional Membership

Register

Afterschool: A Bipartisan Solution to Help Young People Thrive

This new brief, "[**Afterschool: A Bipartisan Solution to Help Young People Thrive**](#)," compiles survey results from parents of school-age children before and during the pandemic.

The survey found that there is consensus around support for afterschool and summer learning programs. Across the political spectrum, parents strongly agreed that afterschool and summer learning programs keep youth safe, inspire learning, and provide a peace of mind while parents work. Moreover, parents and guardians overwhelmingly support public funding for these programs.

To read the full brief, [click here](#).

JEDI Training Series

If you've missed any of Lyndon Culditz's JEDI training sessions, you're missing out. Register now for his upcoming sessions.

**New Laws and New Talent: Attracting & Retaining LGBTQIA Employees****November 2, 10:30-11:30am****November 7, 6:00-7:00pm**

Do you know the new NYS laws pertaining to trans and gender-nonconforming people in the workplace? Wondering how to be an attractive employer to LGBTQIA talent? Designed for HR and leadership, this session provides workplace policies and practices for creating affirming environments for current and future LGBTQIA staff, while reviewing laws that many employers in NYS are unaware of.

Getting Gender Right: Role Modeling Support of Gender Diversity and Individuality**November 17, 6:00- 7:00pm****November 21, 12:00- 1:00pm**

Many childcare workers want children to grow in environments free from gender stereotypes and restrictions, yet often end up subconsciously reinforcing society's messaging. From a young age, we have an opportunity to shift our language and behavior to improve mental health and stronger connections with children. Learn tools for reducing the pressures experienced by children of all genders! Prerequisite: LGBTQIA 101.

Click here to register for these sessions and other upcoming JEDI trainings.

Moonshot Flight Crew 2023 OPEN RECRUITMENT

Million Girls Moonshot has launched the *national recruitment campaign* for the next Moonshot Flight Crew cohort. Their goal is to find youth representatives from all 50 states.

The campaign to expand the Flight Crew to include youth representatives from across the country is part of STEM Next's commitment to the National Space Council's effort to inspire more girls and young people of color to pursue STEM careers.



Here is the link to the [2023 Flight Crew Recruitment Toolkit](#). The application window closes November 11th.

Interested in advancing in the school-age field?

Need the qualifications to become a Site Director?

EARN YOUR SCHOOL-AGE CREDENTIAL TODAY



Network for Youth Success Events

Save the Date: NYSNYS Annual Conference

Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

Seeking Energetic Presenters!

Looking to share your knowledge of the field? Come present at School's Out, Make it Count! 2023, New York State's statewide conference for afterschool professionals.

This event brings in over 200 afterschool professionals (administrators, directors, teachers, and frontline staff) from across the state. Accepted lead presenters also receive free admission to the conference on the day of their presentation.

We are accepting proposals on the following topics, but are open to new and innovative ideas. Sessions are either 30 or 90 minutes long.

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Virtual Programming
- Social and Emotional Learning

- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM)
- Guiding Children's Behaviors
- Program Sustainability
- Program Quality Improvement
- Leadership Development for Professionals
- Family Engagement
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Arts
- Self-Care
- Health and Safety
- Culturally Responsive Programming and Practices
- 21st Century Skills

Submit Your Proposal Today!

All submissions are due by November 15, 2022. Selected presenters will be notified by December 30, 2022.

Feel free to share this email with your colleagues and friends!

Questions??? Contact Erin@Networkforyouthsuccess.org

RFP Link:

<https://networkforyouthsuccess.org/ninja-forms/183drqp>

Register to participate:

Registration will open by January.

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For more information, visit the Network's **JEDI webpage**. As a reminder, all JEDI training sessions are free of charge.

Nov 29: Site Leader Institute

Are you a new site-level manager? Are you starting an afterschool program with a new grant? The Site Leader Institute can help you grow into your new role. Visit our Site Leader Institute [webpage](#) for more details and to register.

There are six total sessions for 15 OCFS-approved training hours. All sessions are held 9:30 am–12:30 pm.

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[Click here](#) to register.

Check the Network for Youth Success [events page](#) anytime for a current listing of upcoming events.

Other Events

Nov. 8: Preparing Yourself to Lead Computer Science: A Virtual Workshop (webinar, 3 PM)

Join the Click2ComputerScience team as they review specific strategies and ways afterschool educators can prepare themselves, their programs, and space to lead computer science with youth. You will leave the workshop with specific tactics to implement, computer science activities, and resources to continue your professional learning on computer science.

[Click here](#) to register.

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