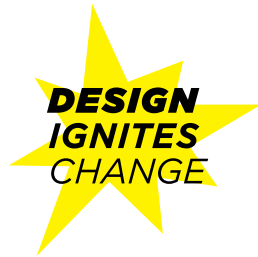


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DESIGN IGNITES CHANGE
*Criteria for Choosing
High School Students
to Mentor*

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Founding Partners:



High School Student Participation

One of the priorities of *Design Ignites Change* is to engage with high school students in underserved communities; offering a dynamic program that provides them with the critical skills they need to become active and engaged members of their communities and the world at large.

High school students working in collaboration with their college or professional mentors will work on socially-minded projects. The youth will explore and comment on their world, take positive action where they live and develop the abilities to think creatively, communicate effectively and work collaboratively.

By participating in *Design Ignites Change*, these students will be exposed to possible career options in the creative professions. In some instances, they will also have the benefit of developing a relationship with a college student exposing them to the possibilities of higher-education.

In all cases, it is important that the mentoring organization (college or professional) collaborate with high school students through a local institution; public or magnet school; government or after-school program; community center or organization that offers programming to high school students. The relationship that is established between the high school student community and the mentoring organization must be forged and closely tended by leaders from both sides with support from Worldstudio.

Requirements

Eligibility requirements:

- Public educational institution or tax-exempt 501(c)3.
- School or after-school program that serves low-income, disadvantaged high school youth.

Mentee site requirements:

- Mentees are supervised by a faculty member or administrator from their organization.
- School or program administration is supportive of participation.
- Have access to (or a plan to access) media production equipment and resources. (In some instances there may be an opportunity for the mentee program to receive software provided by Adobe Systems, Inc. This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in discussion with Adobe Youth Voices and Worldstudio.)
- A minimum three-month commitment.
- Ideally, at least 25 youth per site will be engaged for the length of the project.

Mentee teacher/youth leader requirements:

- Strong belief in student-centered community and social change projects.
- Passionate about sharing youth perspectives and voices.
- Committed to engaging youth in rigorous investigation of topics of their own choosing that are relevant and meaningful to their lives.
- Motivated and available to participate in *Design Ignites Change*.

Mentee teacher/youth leader commitments:

- Work with the mentoring organization (educational or professional) to develop a work plan and timeline for the project.
- Be willing to collaborate with mentoring organization and other local experts for support, coaching and sharing of best practices during the life of the project.
- Contribute youth media work at the conclusion of the program to be exhibited locally, online and/or globally.
- Participate in an evaluation process.

Questions?

If you have questions about this aspect of the program contact:

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Questions? Contact Us!

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