



ACTIVATING YOUTH LEADERS

Rise Up's Youth Champions Initiative improves the lives of young people by advancing innovation and quality in the field of sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice globally.

2017-2018 YOUTH CHAMPIONS' FUNDED PROJECTS

JASMINE LOVELY GEORGE | Bodies and Cities: A Radio Show - India

Jasmine launched Pocketshalla (Let's Talk About Bodies), an innovative podcast specifically developed with and for juveniles in the India Juvenile Justice System to improve their knowledge and skills to prevent unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.

SHUBHAM CHOUDHARY | Safe Access - India

Shubham is connecting LGBTQ youth with compassionate and non-judgmental health service providers through his online platform, Safe Access, to empower them to make well-informed choices about their sexual and reproductive lives.

TIZZITA MENGESHA TEFERA | mTena (mHealth) for SRHR - Ethiopia

Tizzita designed, built, and is implementing an SMS software system and strategy, mTena, created with and for high school students in a public school in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to deliver reliable sexual and reproductive health information in Amharic in a targeted, youth-friendly, and contextually relevant way.

NAUREEN LALANI | Bringing Light - Pakistan

Naureen implemented a media campaign and developed a sexual and reproductive health and rights training module and user-friendly audiovisual resource materials for people who work with differently-abled youth to raise awareness, improve sexual and reproductive health and rights, and prevent sexual abuse among people living with physical disabilities in Karachi.

TANZILA KHAN | Theatre of the Taboo - Pakistan

Tanzila created a curriculum module, Theatre of the Taboo, that combines participatory theater methodology and comprehensive sexuality education to challenge misconceptions about sexuality and provide a needed space for youth to share and question their beliefs and roleplay different scenarios relevant to their sexual and reproductive lives.

ARELY WESTLEY | Construyendo Nuestro Instituto de Poder - Louisiana, USA

Arely and her organization BreakOut! built the strategic advocacy capacity of Black and Latinx transgender women and gender nonconforming youth through intensive political education and are engaging them across language barriers in advocacy campaigns that address the systemic factors that lead to health disparities.

MARLO BARRERA | Plan B NOLA - Louisiana, USA

Marlo's project, Plan B NOLA, provides free and by-donation emergency contraception, condoms, and pregnancy tests to the greater New Orleans area through a hotline and a citywide network of 42 Community Support Members to prevent unplanned pregnancy, reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and STIs, and enable young people to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.

KAITLYN CUSTER | SRHR Advancement for Newcomers - California, USA

Kaitlyn created the "Nuestra Salud" peer education program at Huckleberry Youth Programs for recently immigrated Latinx students in Marin County school districts to meet once a week over a 10-week period to reduce barriers to sexual and reproductive health and rights, build public speaking and facilitation skills, and discuss issues such as body image, reproductive health, race, class, cultural norms around sexual and reproductive health and rights, healthy relationships, and mental health.

INVESTING IN YOUTH LEADERS

Rise Up Youth Champions participate in an Incubator workshop in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. This intensive Incubator workshop integrates hands-on capacity building in the areas of sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice (SRHRJ), leadership, innovation, advocacy, and project development. The Incubator provides Youth Champions opportunities to strengthen their skills, learn from internationally-recognized experts, and develop their own SRHRJ projects.

SEEDING YOUTH INNOVATION

During the Incubator, Youth Champions receive coaching and technical assistance from SRHRJ experts in the development of innovative initiatives to increase access to quality SRHRJ services and information. Rise Up competitively awards project seed grants to participating Youth Champions and their organizations to launch the SRHRJ projects they developed during the Incubator. Rise Up also provides ongoing technical assistance and support to enable the Youth Champions and their organizations to most effectively implement their innovative SRHRJ projects.



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