The HopeWorks’ Youth Leadership Project is a service-learning program dedicated to empowering teens to challenge systems of oppression and prevent relationship violence in their community. This project creates a space for students to grow in understanding themselves and the world. Facilitating self-care and social justice projects, youth leaders engage in frank discussions, raise their social consciousness and participate in creative projects and activism.

This project provides an affirming and safe space for all students.

Open to teens, age 13 to 18, participants explore many topics related to violence prevention including healthy relationships, media literacy and the safe use of technology, social constructions of femininity, healthy masculinity, self-management and self-care, environmental justice, body policing, bystander intervention, healthy sexuality, cultural relativity, bullying, gender dynamics, and understanding intersectionality and root causes of oppression.

WHAT’S PLANNED

* Explore self-care and social justice in our monthly meetings (September-May)
* Learn to plan and conduct workshops
* Create a Zine on liberation and youth power
* Learn about becoming an advocate for change
* Stand up for environmental justice by participating in our community garden, “The Our Earth Project”
* Earn community service hours

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