



BLACK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

PROJECT IDEAS

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Contents

The Project Ideas document for the Black Youth Leadership Program (BYLP) functions as a resource for young people seeking innovative concepts for their impactful projects. It offers examples that not only serve as a source of inspiration but also provide guidance to assist youth in navigating the application process.

The document aims to empower and support young individuals as they explore and develop their ideas for meaningful projects.

BYLP PROJECT IDEAS

STREAM 1

INNOVATION, EXPLORATION & CREATION

- A student athlete hosts a basketball tournament for local youth seeking community connection.
- A young artist creates a collection of poems and stories celebrating the experience of Black women and girls with their natural hair.
- A youth of African creates a podcast discussing the experiences of Black youth with mental health and wellness.
- A youth hosts a series of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) networking sessions and workshops at their school in order to engage Black youth interested in the field.
- A youth creates an online resource of Ancestral Acknowledgements with researched findings gathered from elders in their community.
- A youth creates a short web series that explores Black youth's experiences in Alberta.
- A youth hosts a debate night discussing topics relevant to African descent youth in Alberta
- A youth creates hair care packages with natural hair products to distribute among Black youth in Alberta
- A youth plans and hosts a series of Hair braiding sessions/lessons to teach Black youth how to manage and embrace their natural hair

STREAM 2

CULTURAL HERITAGE

- A youth from the Kenyan community creates a series of paintings displaying the culture and history of the Kenyan community in Canada.
- An Afro-Trinidadian youth creates cultural outfits that display their heritage.
- A youth that descends from Black pioneer communities in Edmonton develops an interactive exhibit displaying photos, videos, newspaper clippings, maps and interviews that describe the settlement journeys of Black pioneer communities in Alberta in the early 1800's.
- A youth hosts a series of cooking classes to create a community cookbook.
- A youth from the Liberian community plans and hosts a showcase that displays the traditional dance of their tribe.