

YOUTH COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY

Youth leaders from 14 nations gathered for the first ever Global Youth Community Philanthropy Summit in the spring of 2014. They shared perspectives and models and together envisioned the future of local giving by and for young people.

INSPIRATION

These fresh ideas for youth philanthropy were shared at the summit and have promise for replication in new communities.



Charity Pitch Party

Youth, The Funding Network:
London, UK

Bring university students and young professionals together for a lively social gathering where three inspiring social change organizations pitch their projects. Guests vote to fund their favorite.



Early Learning

Youth Philanthropy Initiative of
Indiana, USA

Create games and activities that teach philanthropy fundamentals to children in pre-school and programs after school and during the summer.



Piggy Bank Challenge

Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area
Community Foundation, USA

Issue high school students piggy banks to fill with change toward a charitable endowment throughout the year to create an easy direct giving experience.



Leaders in Action

Community Volunteers
Foundation, Turkey

Provide motivation and mentoring to thousands of young volunteers who grow as leaders while they advance important causes.



Project Portal

Youth Bank, Bosnia

Launch an online portal that makes the entire youth philanthropy process efficient and transparent for donors, youth groups and community leaders.



Flamingo Flocking

Mount Pleasant Area Community
Foundation, USA

Flock local residents and businesses with plastic flamingos and offer the opportunity to flock a friend or colleague for a \$50 donation to the community youth endowment.

ACTION

Summit participants offered the following thoughts and suggestions for funders and leaders interested in this work.

Trending Topics

- More relevant, relatable ways to express "youth community philanthropy"
- Spreading good ideas beyond geographical bounds
- A more central role youth can plan in community philanthropy
- Giving money as an important way to express values
- Technology as a tool, not a strategy; face-to-face encounters remain important

Find more inspiration and recommendations in detail at michiganfoundations.org and cof.org.

NETWORKS TO AMPLIFY IMPACT

Knowledge base of data describing the field, including resources for participating organizations

Communities of practice for practitioners to share, learn and grow

Councils and convenings that help establish the field and connect peer practitioners

