

Youth Link

25 Years and Counting...



1990



Belleve Youth Link

1998



2010



2015

Youth Link



- Started in 1990 by 75 members of the community
- Provide leadership opportunities for teens in addressing issues affecting youth through involvement
- Works in partnership with the Bellevue School District and other community-based organizations in the community and around the world
- Rob Beem, Patty Skelton, Terry Smith, Penny Murphy, Robin Haaseth and Theola Williams served as the original staff and Youth Link staff was housed at Ground Zero Teen Center

For 25 Years Youth Link ...

- Impacted the lives of 7000 youth in Bellevue
- Created, sponsored and partnered over 50 projects and programs
- Surveyed over 1500 teens in Bellevue in 2011 to confirm youth leadership trends
- Serve over 150 YL alumni continue to participate through the YL Facebook page
- Transitioned Leadership - 3 youth formerly on the Youth Link Board have to the Youth Link Board as adults
- Awarded national and state recognition



Youth Link

- Average membership size per school year is **40-50** students; Age ranges from 11-17 years old
- YL participants earn an average of **50-60** hours for community service per school year in just meetings alone
- Teens spend an average **2-3** years in the program with a 95% retention rate
- Many YL graduates pursue top tier colleges including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, MIT, and other ivy league schools



- AVID (Avoidance Via Individual Determination)
- Barnes & Noble/Youth Link Special Event—Youth Open Mic Night
- Bellevue Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration
- Bellevue Earth Hour Project
- Bellevue Patch – Online Social Media & Information
- Bellevue Plato's Closet and World Impact Network Teen Closet partnership
- Bellevue Safe Rides
- Bellevue Skate Park
- Bellevue Youth Council
- Bellevue Youth Court
- Best of Bellevue
- City of Lake Forest Park Youth Council Training
- Columbine Shooting Anti Violence Forum
- Crossroads Thanksgiving & Winter Holiday Dinner
- Day of Caring—with King County United Way
- Eastside Latino Leadership Forum—Latino Youth Leadership Conference
- Eastside Youth Wall of Fame
- Education Forum
- Every Student Is A Winner Fair
- Get Real—Bellevue Youth TV Show
- 2011 State of Youth Leadership Report
- Ground Zero Teen Center
- Gumbo Night
- Jub-Hub Teen Café Peer Mentoring Project
- Kids Care Coat Drive—Collection and distribution of over 8,000 coats for Bellevue residents
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
- Microsoft Education Networking partnership
- Microsoft Store – Bellevue Square
- North Bellevue Senior Center Wii Tournament
- Outspoken Teen Newspaper
- Projecto P.O.D.E.R.
- Robinswood High School Cascade Snowboarding Program
- Safe Kids With Real Lives (SKWRL)
- SAT Tutoring Program
- Senior Project Program Grant
- Skate Park at South Bellevue
- SOAR Multi-Cultural Leadership Training
- South Bellevue Community Center Challenge Course
- Teen Arts Café
- Teen Café—Partnership with Jubilee Reach Center and East King County Community Organizing
- Teen Closet—Partnership with Timberland, Plato's Closet, World Impact Network and Ground Zero Teen Center
- Teen Job Link
- TRACKS Action Team
- Trick or Treat for Cans Annual Food Drive
- Tsunami Fundraising Dance
- Youth Leadership Academy—Partnership with Bellevue Downtown Association 6th Street Fair
- Youth Link Board
- Youth Link's Middle School Dances
- Youth Volunteer Corps
- Youthlink.com Web Page
- Youth Link Facebook Page
- Youth Link University
- Youth Link Robotics

Youth Link Partners

- Boeing
- Microsoft and Microsoft Store
- EDI (Executive Directors Institute)
- Plato's Closet
- World Impact Network
- Bellevue College
- Bellevue Patch
- Bellevue Plato's Closet
- Bel-Red Self Storage
- Jubilee REACH Center
- King County Superior Court
- King County Prosecuting Atty Office
- Overlake Hospital
- Bellevue Coca-Cola
- MOD Pizza
- Crossroads Community Center
- Expedia
- Robot Innovators Of Tomorrow (RIOT)

Youth Link continues...

- Youth Link University



Youth Link University

- Youth Link University started as a casual discussion between BYC members and adults during Youth Link's 2014 Gumbo Night.
- The YL University Planning Committee was created by BYC members within 30 days.
- Students met every week to discuss the focus and scope of the project.
- In late April, the Executive Development Institute (EDI) 2014 Leadership Navigation Class partnered with Youth Link.
- Together EDI team and youth members developed a unique leadership course to:
 - Address young people (middle and high school age)
 - Focus in soft skills development
 - Areas of business leadership, planning, project management, conflict resolution/ negotiation, finance, networking, and other essential business skills



Faculty Members

INSTRUCTORS

- Barney Herrera, Procurement Finance Analyst, Boeing
- George Alabi, Regional Director, Product Marketing, Boeing
- Kit Cheung, Engineering Manager, Boeing
- Sherry Leeson, Engineering Ini. Integration Mgr, Boeing
- Angie Gates, Manager, Boeing
- Audrey Hue, Finance Instructor, Bellevue College
- Mariane Escalona, Expedia



MENTORS

- Julia Abelev, Associate Attorney at Lane Powell PC & Youth Link Alumni
- Patrick Alina, Youth Link Program Staff

Course Schedule & Outline

- March – December 2015 - No classes during July and August
- Classes are every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month or as scheduled from 4-5:30 pm at Bellevue City Hall in Rm 1E-112
- Students will need to meet with their assigned team outside of scheduled classes
- Students are responsible for attending classes on time and must inform Youth Link Program Coordinator via email for absence



“Vote Goat” App



Rec-Tec: Recyclable Technology



YLA Business Project Teams

“Allergenius” App



Robot Nurse Technology



Group Project Assignment

GROUP PROJECT GUIDELINES

- Team members work together developing business project
- Team members present a business plan illustrating of the business concept/idea, research, financing, marketing, and strategic plan
- Team members work outside of the classroom to complete the project
- Team members present final business project for evaluation and feedback in December 2015

TIMELINE

April	Develop business project teams
May	Develop business plan with teams
June	Propose business plan
Jul-Aug	Beta testing of business idea(s); Summer Break
Sept	Check-in with teams; Re-evaluate business plan/strategy
Oct	Continue to develop business project
Nov	Final analysis
Dec	Presentation of business projects & results; Evaluation

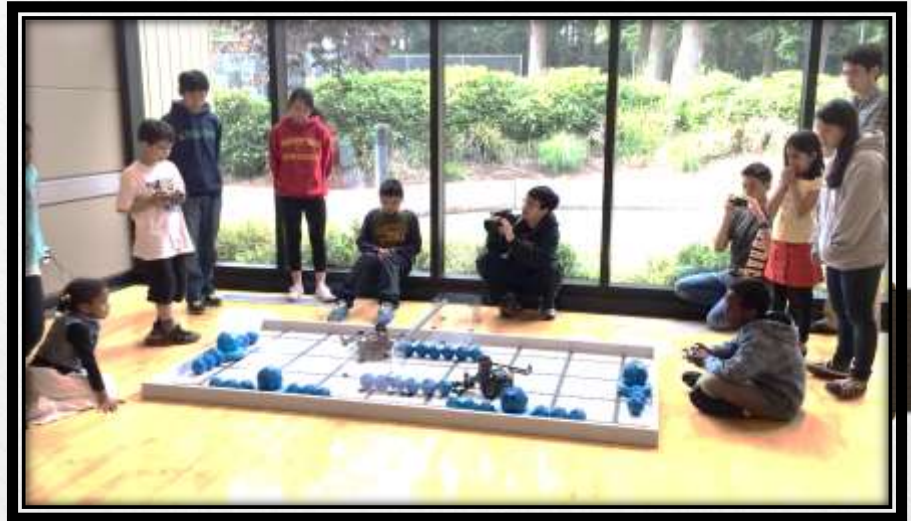
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- January 2015 Planning
- Launched April 16, 2015
- Robotic Innovators of Tomorrow
- Crossroads Community Center
- Wrap-Around Services
- Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue
- Volunteers from Boeing

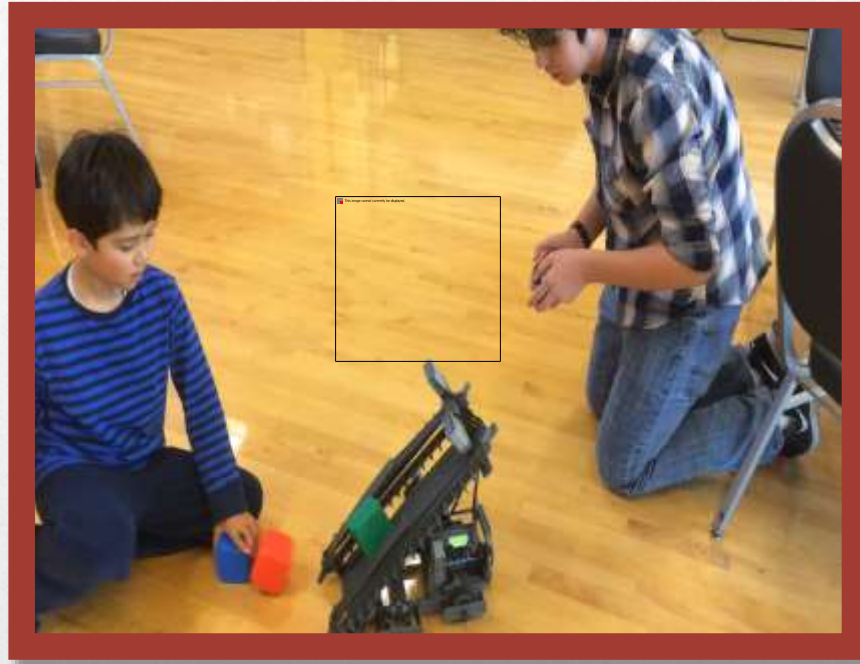


YL Robotics @ Crossroads

- 15 students/9-13yrs
- 3rd-5th grade
- Introductions of STEM and robotics design and mechanics to students
- 10 girls and 5 boys
- Free program
- Follow-up course in the fall for computer programming to the same age group
- First graduation held June 8



YL Robotics@Crossroads



Q & A
