



Lakeshore Youth Leadership Member Organizations



Who They Are and How You Can Get Involved

LYL's mission is to embrace and value the area's youth by empowering them to strengthen our community through meaningful participation.



"Student Leaders Initiating Change" is a youth coalition developing our leadership skills to encourage our peers to make decisions that have a positive impact on themselves and the community. For more information go to www.ottawaslic.org.

- meet fun people from local high schools
- develop leadership skills
- promote healthy choices
- plan and participate in service activities, community events, and youth summits



The DELTA Project of Ottawa County is dedicated to preventing dating violence by promoting respectful relationships and safe communities. Students can become involved in teen-action groups by contacting the coordinator, Lesley Coghill, at Lesleyc@aplaceforwomen.org.

- Speak out and promote respect
- Take ownership of the Teen Voice column in our quarterly community newsletter
- Join the conversation on our Teens Preventing Dating Violence Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/TeensPreventDV/> or visit our website for more information: <http://delta.aplaceforwomen.org/>



To empower Latinos/Latinas to participate in creating a better community for all.

- Annual Hispanic Youth Leadership Conference—held in February of every year.
- Adelante Youth Leadership Program—Learn leadership/life skills, explore career and college options, engage in community service, plan annual Youth Conference.
- Mas Adelante—Develop advanced critical thinking/problem-solving skills, public speaking and writing skills, in-depth community service project.
- Digital Connectors—Advanced leadership and technology skill development; focus on community service and bridging the "digital divide."
- Annual Fiesta King and Queen Ambassador program—sign up in January.



Holland/Zeeland Model Community Initiatives is a local program driven by several community leaders, designed to encourage and facilitate collaboration among business, education and government. The voice of our youth population can help inform and impact the future of our community. Write Linda Brand: lrbrand@me.com for details.

- We encourage the teens in our community to get involved through the various youth boards and roundtables available.
- Check with your school counselors and engage with a youth board that reflects your interest or curiosity
- Strive to understand both the strengths and the issues around Education, Government and/or Business
- Encourage your youth board leaders to convene roundtable discussions with the Model Community Initiatives team to enable two-way dialogue.



The Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a group of 18-20 students from Holland/Zeeland area high schools who are responsible for reviewing funding requests and recommending grants for programs that benefit area youth. 9th and 10th grade students are eligible to apply in the spring of

each year. Contact Elizabeth Kidd at elizabeth@cfhz.org for details.

- Community Service Mini-Grants
- Competitive Grants for larger youth serving projects
- Scholarships to high school seniors



The Holland Youth Advisory Council (HYAC) exists:

- To assist municipal leaders in developing/implementing strategies for youth
- To promote youth participation in city government and community service
- To become educated on the internal workings of local government
- To further develop youth leadership skills
- To formulate, discuss and recommend community projects

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CultureWorks' after-school program at 710 Chicago Drive, Suite 200 (near old K-Mart) offers middle and high school students the opportunity to work with teaching artists and design professionals in studio art, design, and dance classes. Whether designing toys for kids across the globe or building a clay sculpture, students gain creative and critical-thinking skills for work, college, and beyond. Contact Tori Pelz: tori@cultureworksica.com or call 393-5013.

- After-school classes open to any 6th-12th grader
- Classes meet for once/week for 12 weeks on Tuesdays or Thursdays 3:30-5:30
- Ridiculously affordable fee of \$20 for entire semester
- Free transportation offered
- Any middle-high school student is invited to our ArtNow series on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of the month (ArtNow Series is about giving teens a sneak peek into the the latest trends and secrets of 21st century creative professions. Free food and fun to be had by all.)



Herrick Library is working to provide a welcoming environment for teens to hang out, use technology, and learn. Volunteer opportunities for school credit are available year-round, with a particular emphasis on summer. Contact: Erin Marsh, Teen Librarian emarsh@herrickdl.org or 355-3710.

- Volunteer Corps meets last Monday of each month
- Planning to pilot job training internship program (summer 2013)
- Rent-a-librarian for help on papers, school assignments
- 12 computers, X-Box 360 (with 28 games for in-house use,) improved wireless access now available
- Teacher-approved database resources for assignments
- Tips/tricks for improved Google search skills



United Way's Students Live United program is intended to connect youth to community through personal growth, volunteer, and leadership opportunities.

- Students 9-12 grade can enroll in the SLU program with parent/guardian consent. Consent/sign up forms can be found and printed on our website at: www.ottawaunitedway.org Students can also contact Shannon Morton directly at: smorton@ottawaunitedway.org

HOLLAND MUSEUM

The Holland Historical Trust is the catalyst for a dynamic interaction of the past and present that enriches the greater Holland area. Its educational facilities and collections are representative of a diverse heritage and are accessible to all. Contact Taylor Wise-Harthorn (twisearthorn@hollandmuseum.org) or Wendy VanWoerkom (wvanwoerkom@hollandmuseum.org) or call the museum at 392-9084.

- Collections, Archives & Research Library for school projects
- Education tours of the museum and historic houses
- Various programming throughout the year, including storytelling, crafts, films, lectures, guided tours, and special events
- Student volunteer and internship opportunities in various departments
- Coming fall 2013: teen advisory committee for educational programming and exhibitions



Rotary encourages and fosters the ideal of "service" in their "InterAct Clubs" which meet at area high schools and are internationally connected. They strive to build goodwill, friendship and peace not only in our community but in the world. Working as a team, each club determines their own programs and initiatives. You will learn to create, launch and coordinate projects, develop team building and leadership skills, and increase your international knowledge and understanding. Interested? Just email Carol Swart: carol.swart@gmail.com.

- Juniors can attend the "Life Leadership Conference" held in Cadillac each June. Scholarship forms available online in February.
- Rotary's "Youth Exchange Program" sends juniors and seniors across the globe for a real cultural immersion experience. Interviews are held early each September.
- Be a host family! Enjoy having a foreign student stay with you for 3-4 months.



The Hope college TRIO Upward Bound program assists low income/first generation students in gaining the skills and motivation needed to graduate from high school and go on to college. (Holland and W. Ottawa only.) Contact Elizabeth Colburn colburn@hope.edu for more information.

- Tutoring
- ACT preparation
- Workshops
- 6 week academic summer program
- College visits
- Cultural and educational activities



Destination Education is a community collaborative focused on making completion of a post-secondary education an achievable reality for every student in the Holland/Zeeland area particularly, low-income, first generation and other high need student populations. We believe that every student completing some post-secondary education lays the foundation for a vibrant economy, healthy community, and globally competitive workforce. Visit www.midestinationeducation.org for details.



The Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony is an all-volunteer organization founded in Holland in 1999 and committed to justice, equal opportunity, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for diversity. Members and friends work together through programs, outreach, advocacy, and social events to make West Michigan a place where all people are welcomed and respected. Contact Marvin Younger marvin49423@yahoo.com for more information.

- We invite students to attend our monthly community workshops, communicate issues for advocacy in your schools and learn about thriving in a multicultural work place.