The University Community Collaborative prepares and supports youth and young adults to become confident, effective leaders and creates cultures that value and integrate the contributions of youth, thereby building stronger communities.

The Leaders Corps

- **Do you enjoy working with high school students?**
- **Are you interested in creating a space for young people to find their voice and express their ideas?**
- **Are you passionate about issues of social justice and social change?**

Then check out The Collaborative’s Leaders Corps program!

Members of the **Leaders Corps** serve as facilitators and mentors for high school students as they explore their identities, the issues that affect their daily lives, and their role as leaders and agents of change.

The LC works to build an inclusive community where students can freely express their thoughts, ideas and opinions. They help students to think critically, build confidence, and collaborate with others.

As a member of the LC you will receive on-going support and professional development from full time staff that prepares you to facilitate all of The Collaborative’s programs, support the organization’s capacity building initiatives, as well as develop and conduct workshops in the community and at local and regional conferences.

Leaders Corps members have gone on to graduate level work, full time employment in the nonprofit and public sectors, and several are now teaching in the Philadelphia School District.

Requirements:

- **Participation in the Leadership Development Institute**: The LDI is an eight day training that takes place over two weeks on Temple’s campus in mid-June. Grounded in The Collaborative’s philosophy of positive youth leadership development and social justice, the LDI provides training in group facilitation, curriculum development and implementation, community outreach and networking, media as a tool for positive social change, and working with diverse populations. Participation in the LDI does not guarantee employment, but rather is an opportunity for potential LC members to learn more about the program, and establish for both the participant and The Collaborative if joining the LC is a good fit. All participants in the LDI receive a $200 stipend for the two week training.
- **A high school diploma**: All members of the LC must be 18 or older, and have obtained a high school diploma.
- **An interest in working with high school students**: Teens bring with them a unique set of charms and challenges. Leaders Corps members must enjoy working with students this age, and have a clear understanding of the specific boundaries of professionalism and appropriateness that accompany this work.
- **Availability**: LC members must have availability in their schedules (Sept – June) for the program they are facilitating, as well as their weekly program planning meeting. This usually works out to about 8-10 hours a week, primarily in the after school hours.
- **Passion**: Here at The Collaborative we don’t take ourselves seriously, but we take our work quite seriously. We are looking for folks who are passionate about the world around them, intellectually curious, interested in building community, and creating change.

Compensation:

- All LC members begin at $8.25 an hour, but are eligible for an increase each year they work with us, up to $12 an hour. College students are encouraged to apply for work study but this is not a requirement for employment.

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