

# Student Learning Workshop Session 1

### **LESSON TITLE**

# Why Student Service Matters

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- · Validate that youth voice matters.

· Introduce the program.

### **PREPARATION**

- Test SLW Powerpoint #1
- · Gather pens, post-its
- Print out a workbook for each student
- Print out pre-surveys

### **CURRICULUM**

## WARM UP (validate existing knowledge)

#### Welcome

- Have powerpoint on, welcoming everyone to the program.
- Pre-Survey everyone takes quick pre survey

## What is the purpose of this program?

- This is about you finding meaningful ways to be in service to others. This is about how you can earn SSL in a way that is unique to you and that makes a difference.
- Ask about their experiences with Service Learning. Any good experiences? What do you know about SSL so far?

### The program map

• Introduce the steps in the program.

#### When I felt heard

- This program is also about you finding ways for your voice and actions to matter.
- Introductions. Have everyone introduce themselves verbally or in the chat (if virtual). Share a recent example of when you either felt really listened to or the opposite (when you didn't feel heard) by an adult.
- If big group you could do this on a white board.

10 min

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NEW IDEAS	Why young people matter	20 min
(introduce		
and apply	You see the world differently (emphasizing that young people	
new content)	have different concerns and worries than adults)	
	Brainstorm ideas for what issues are you (middle schoolers)	
	worried about or concerned about. What are adults worried	
	about. Do on a white board or flipchart paper where you can	
	compare the two. Would adults be surprised by these	
	answers?	
	You are creative (potato game)	
	(emphasizing the point that young people are creative and open	
	minded)	
	<ul> <li>Break into small groups. Challenge is that you have a potato.</li> </ul>	
	Goal is to come up all the ways that you can use the potato	
	to help others. Goal is to come up with the most ideas	
	The SLW Challenge	
	<ul> <li>Present the video of the local politician who wants to hear</li> </ul>	
	from the perspective of young people.	
	<ul><li>What issues matter to you?</li></ul>	
	Why do they matter?	
WRAP UP	Wrap Up	
(gauge new	<ul> <li>Fill out "my tools" in the workbook based on the skills and</li> </ul>	5 min
learning)	personality quiz.	