



Community Avengers: Urban Youth Advocacy Training

Facilitator's Guide

“**Community Avengers**” is a single-session training module for youth workers to empower young people to have a voice of advocacy and a plan for action in their communities.

Outlined below are questions designed to use as group discussion prompts with the **training video**. The questions are intended to engage youth in 30 minutes of robust conversation.

Group Discussion Questions

Part 1: The Christian Call to Advocacy

1. What is advocacy?
2. What are the three forms of advocacy?
3. Would you describe yourself as an advocate? Why or why not?
4. What is meant by power distance?
5. How is “small power distance” different from “large power distance?”

Part 2: Civic Engagement *(Minute 11:57)*

1. What is civic engagement?
2. List and describe the three levels of civic engagement.
3. What issues are plaguing your community?
4. How have people responded to those issues?
5. Do you feel a sense of responsibility to be an agent of positive change?
6. What tools do you need to affect change?

Part 3: Creative Activism (*Minute 23:17*)

1. What is meant by creative activism?
2. What are some creative ways you can use music as an advocacy tool?
3. Are there other artistic expressions you would use or have seen used that help develop social awareness?
4. List two or three musical artists you believe are vocal regarding social awareness.
5. How have you seen social media used as a tool to raise awareness around an issue?
6. Have you used your social media in support of an issue?

Additional suggested reading:

- [*Tattoos on the Heart*](#) by Father Greg Boyle
- [*When Helping Hurts*](#) by Steve Corbet and Brian Fikkert
- [*Community Youth Development*](#) by Francisco A. Villarruel (Editor), Daniel Francis Perkins (Editor), Lynne M. Borden (Editor), Joanne G. Keith (Editor)
- [*Holler if You Hear Me*](#) by Michael Eric Dyson
- [*Amplifying Young Voices in All the Right Spaces*](#) by DVULI, On the LEVEL

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