

Club XYZ and Club eXcel Youth Leadership Afterschool Clubs

Excel Youth Zone (XYZ), a non-profit established in 2003, by Founder and Executive Director, Tiveeda Stovall, creates community leaders.

Excel Youth Zone (XYZ) facilitates after-school service-learning clubs for youth kindergarten through twelfth grade. In all clubs, youth design, explore, and experience service projects to help meet real community needs. Excel Youth Zone's youth are redefining the roles of youth as resources and leaders in the community.

XYZ's afterschool clubs have the following service-learning based club options: Youth Leadership, PeaceJam, Environmental, and Cesar Chavez Service-Learning Clubs.

Youth Leadership

In XYZ's youth leadership clubs, members work in teams to organize service activities, demonstrate leadership skills and gain educational enrichment in the community. Youth have two leadership club options: Club XYZ and Club eXcel.

Club XYZ – Club XYZ are leadership clubs for youth K-12 that are located on-site at their elementary, middle and high schools, and other youth community-based organizations. These youth are trained by XYZ staff in leadership curriculum and utilize team communication, group problem solving and project planning skills to implement various service-learning projects at their site and in their larger community.



Club eXcel – High School students from across their area apply and are selected by their peers in the club to serve in Club eXcel. Together members of Club eXcel plan and implement three service-learning projects for thousands of people each year to serve under the club members' leadership. The club is unique in the youth themselves facilitate the club with support from highly trained and skilled adult advisors and mentor volunteers.

Curriculum

XYZ facilitates these youth leadership clubs for elementary through high school utilizing the latest leadership and service-learning curriculum including and not limited to:

- **Y.E.L.L.** - research-based curriculum for youth leadership and development out of the John Gardner Center at Stanford University. Y.E.L.L. (Youth Engaged in Leadership and Learning) Curriculum is designed for school, program, and community leaders to support authentic youth participation, promote effective policies and practices to strengthen communities, and support young people's personal growth.
- **PYLI** – Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute (PYLI) is designed specifically for teens out of the Center for Creative Leadership to empower teens to work in a team environment to plan and implement a service project while applying 21st century skills such as team building, effective communication, goal setting and project planning.
- **PeaceJam** - Nobel Peace Laureates including Desmond Tutu, Dalai Lama, Oscar Arias, Aund San Sui Kyi, Mairead Corrigan McGuire, Shirin Ebadi, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Jody Williams, Adolfo Perez Esquivel, Jose Ramos-Horta, and Betty Williams created curriculum for all ages to inspire and equip youth K-12 to gain knowledge of world issues and tools, resources and support to implement service-learning projects address those issues.