

Designing Just Futures

With and for Tacoma Youth.



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Young people
have to ability to
create positive
change in their
communities.

Youth Civic Engagement



Figure 2: Elements and Outcomes of Asset and Action-Based Civic Experiences

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Youth Civic Engagement + Technology



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Background and Connections

Tacoma, WA → Cambridge, MA → Charlotte, NC

What are Zines?

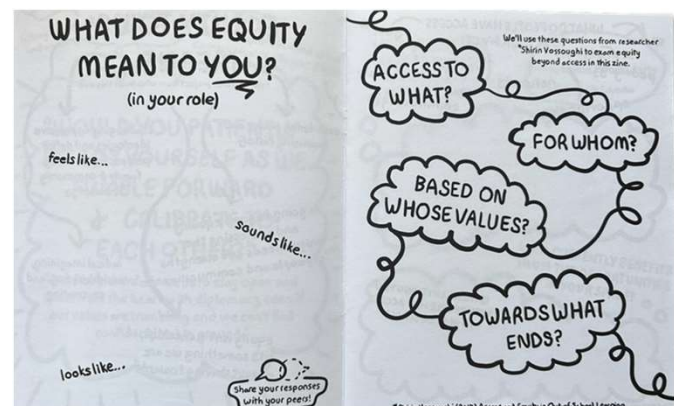
“Zines”, derived from the word Magazines, are traditionally created as self-made booklets that explore any topic through unique forms of self expression.



Youth Activism Zine

As I explored Zines, I observed that the topics being shared were similar to what I learn while studying political science...

Hero complex: when someone strives to be the hero of the situation. No matter the situation or the odds, they want to be the ones that save the day.



You CAN make a change!



It can be challenging to envision becoming something when you're the first to do it. Thankfully many youth activists have already paved a path for more young people to make change! Scan the QR code to watch or read about activist that paved the way for others to do the same!

articles on young activists:



a message to young activists:



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9 Use your imagination!

Imagine what it would look like for you and group of young people to fight for a cause. Come up with anyway (art, poem, song, short story etc...) to express what it would look like to fight for what you believe in!

(get creative, this part is just for you!)



Now it's your turn!



It takes courage to stand up for something you believe in. But it's so much easier when you stand with others. This is the power of activism. True transformation happens when passionate people come together to insist on changing the status quo.

Mobile Makerspaces



Creative Learning Spiral. (Resnick, 2017)

Making Maker Materials Accessible (Digital and Physical)



Next Steps



Thank you!

