technology-supported
YOUTH-LED SOCIAL CHANGE
in low-income communities

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Can technology help change this situation?
mission

develop tools, methodologies and support structures to transform community technology centers into spaces that foster and sustain technology-supported, youth-led social change
Piece of Peace

The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club is working in collaboration with the Young Activists Network to continue a project our club did years ago.

Our goal as a group is to decide how best to bring peace to our community. We'll be taking field trips, working with digital photography, film and other artistic media to develop the best strategies.

First Meeting:
Tuesday, March 4th 3:30-5:00
We'll be taking a field trip with our cameras.
We'll have a dinner together afterwards.

All other meetings will be Tuesdays, from 6-8pm unless otherwise notified.
Piece of Peace :: Photo Albums

2003.03.04 : Visit to the projects
2003.03.10 : Discussion about peaceful and non-peaceful places
2003.03.16 : What's the Weather?
2003.03.25 : Making bumper stickers
2003.04.01 : Making bumper stickers
2003.04.06 : Chat with young men
2003.04.15 : Red Sox game
2003.05.22 : Finishing the book

Piece of Peace - Interviewing people / pp0520-12
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key elements

- youth participation
- focus on neighborhood challenges
- human connectivity
- contextualized uses of technology
- storytelling
- recognition
where are we?

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plans for 2003-2004

expand the network to new sites in Boston

young activists volunteer task force

YAN activity/ best practices portfolio

YAN website

YAN toolkit
the young activists task force

provide support “from within” to network organizations, help enhance the model, create new support materials, outreach to new communities

work in teams of 2 or 3

2 to 3 hours per week

monthly meetings

discussions over internet
the young activists toolkit

make it easier for youth to implement their projects in the neighborhood, access relevant information, reflect about their work, communicate ideas, and get recognition

“narrator”

“mapping tool”

“graphical wiki”
The Best Hike Ever

At the end of summer, I hiked up Mount Monadnock with my UROP co-workers. It was a challenging climb and we all had a great time!

What we brought:
- Trail mix
- Lots of water
- Lots of cameras
- Great lunches
- A Good deal of enthusiasm!

Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and other formative thinkers of our country hiked this mountain and endorsed it in their writings as a symbol of spiritual and environmental awareness. The mountain truly has played a part in our cultural history.

Many types of people are attracted to Grand Monadnock. We've seen fitness hikers speeding up the trails, small children on their fathers' backs, old-timers with walking sticks, experts with cameras and notebooks, young sauntering couples, and energetic school kids.