Youth Leadership Development
Young Nation | Bronzeville
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The purpose of the YOUTH WORKSHOP project was to provide opportunities for Young Nation’s (Detroit) emerging leaders to mentor youth from Bronzeville (Chicago). Young Nation engaged the youth from Legends South to raise awareness of and pride in the built fabric of their community. Young Nation leaders developed and led a series of skill-building workshops. The workshops focused on topics such as community organizing, design, inspiration and photography. In the process, the youth became aware of community assets and ascribed cultural meaning and value to the places where they live, learn and play every day.

The project strengthened the leadership and capacity of both youth organizations, successfully testing three guiding principles of Impact Detroit: creating mentorship opportunities, forging partnerships, and employing an interdisciplinary approach.

Impact Detroit created a connection between an existing successful youth leadership program, Young Nation, and a nascent community-based program, Legends South Youth, Chicago. The pilot provided a new environment for Detroit youth leaders to use their community engagement and leadership skills to mentor Chicago youth who had not been formally exposed to these concepts.

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