A black and white sign

Description automatically generated with low confidence

Youth Action Item Agenda

March 21, 2023, 2-3 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84813610668>

* Introductions
* Project Overview
* Youth Leaders and Ethnography
  + - LHNC has been working with a small group of youth leaders in American Canyon since November.
    - Youth leaders meet ~ twice a month to co-lead and develop a design project centered on youth social inclusion using Human Centered design principles
    - Youth have engaged their peers in ethnography to learn more about passions and how they connect with their community
      * *Friends and family*
      * *Access to recreational and community spaces*
      * *Sense of comfort and community*
      * *Helping others with college*
      * *Connection to community organizations*
      * *Access to resources - ‘You’re not alone’*
      * *Community Service – food drive, library*
      * *Outdoor Spaces – Hiking*
      * *Holding spaces for youth to feel less isolated*
      * Leveraging Action Team
    - Youth leaders are interested in outreaching to their peers and collecting more local information and opportunities to engage the local youth.
    - There are many community organizations that aim to engage you in some of these areas.
    - Napa RCD has field trips and internships for youth (Outdoor spaces)
    - Soroptimist Club is active in American Canyon and engages the community and youth. Has recently begun to engage the local middle schoolers
    - Outreaching to youth about community engagement activities is best done in person (warm hands-off); peer-to-peer
    - Feedback from LHNC youth leaders has been that they aren’t aware of programs or events that might interest them; they learn about them after the fact.
    - NVUSD uses Peach Jar and Parent Square to share community events and flyers for K-12; can be difficult to share on these platforms and these newsletters are often targeted at parents, not youth.
    - Best practices for outreach include physical flyers, social media, and connecting with school staff directly.
* Review Youth Activity Calendar
  + - A potential project discussed previously to this group was the creation of a youth activity calendar where youth could design and upload local free youth activities and events
    - ParkRx has Outer Spatial app that can be used to post events that occur outdoors.
    - Support and coaching youth would be needed for this project. Social media accounts need to be maintained and have consistent engagement, otherwise, they don’t thrive.
    - Team discussed pivoting from this idea; look to utilize existing resources and platforms to increase youth engagement.
* Next steps
  + - Identify and leverage opportunities for youth outreach
    - Continue convening and co-leading projects with Youth leads
    - **Next Meeting:** after May 3 partner meeting. Lesli will send a doodle poll.