

# Institute Participants

## Students

We are seeking a diverse group of high school students in rising grades 9 -12 from public, charter, independent and parochial schools. We will give priority to clusters of 3-5 students from the same school or after-school club. We will look for commitment, leadership, and diversity among the applicants.

## Peer Advisors

We will have college students and Institute alumni to help guide the daily activities. These adults and students are knowledgeable about diversity issues and have experience with student groups involved in social action.

## Faculty

Our senior faculty members, who oversee all of the learning, are professionals in the field of diversity and equity training. With a variety of backgrounds, these individuals will share their skills and knowledge with the awareness that participants bring their own experiences, ideas, and skills to the table.

**“ I pushed my daughter to attend East Ed's summer week-long Social Justice Leadership Institute 2009, not knowing what to expect... It was a life changing experience for my daughter, AND for the diverse group of friends she made while attending the camp. ”**

— from parent letter of support



## Youth Action for Social Justice is a project of East Ed

Eastern Educational Resource Collaborative's (East Ed) mission is to serve as a resource to schools and agencies and support the establishment of equitable, anti-bias, multicultural environments.

East Ed is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization based in Washington D.C. For nine years East Ed has educated and activated youth throughout the metro D.C. area with its Middle and High School Diversity Leadership Conferences. Youth have also participated in East Ed's Summer Institutes on diversity and multicultural education.



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# Youth Action for Social Justice

## Summer Leadership Institute

**August 9-13, 2010**

## Our Purpose

- To build a vibrant movement of youth for social justice among high school students based on diversity awareness and social action.
- To facilitate student dialogue, networking, training, and action through the Summer Leadership Institute, the Diversity Leadership Conferences, Fall and Spring retreats, as well as other special events initiated by our student leaders.
- To engage Institute participants and alumni in planning and leading our various programs.
- To build mutually supportive relationships with school clubs and after-school programs that are committed to social justice, regardless of their primary issue.



**“I learned more about all the topics, more importantly I learned more about Social Justice. Also how to see things on the systemic level. I learned that in an argument or debate, I need to put my feet in both shoes.”**

—2009 Institute participant

## The Institute

### Goals

To develop a cadre of high school youth with self-awareness, skills, and the commitment to move from diversity awareness to social action in their schools and communities.

### Process

- Explore the diversity in our own lives
- Examine sources of prejudice, discrimination and privilege
- Reflect on the history of racism and other forms of oppression in the U.S. and globally
- Build communication and conflict resolution skills in order to challenge privilege and power
- Practice building inclusive and equitable communities

### Program Design

- Group discussions—Videos
- Visit to historic Harper’s Ferry
- Personal reflection—Creating art—Sharing music
- Hiking—Games—Swimming—Fun

### Outcomes

- Greater self-awareness and leadership abilities
- New understanding of diversity and social justice issues
- Ways to talk about and interrupt bias and discrimination
- Ideas for taking action in participants’ schools and communities
- Connections with other youth with a similar desire to act

## Logistics

### Date

August 9 - 13, 2010

### Location

Shepherd’s Spring Retreat Center  
Sharpsburg, Maryland

Located on 220 acres of wooded land along the C+O Canal and the Potomac River, the retreat is 1.5 hours from D.C. and offers rustic cabins, air conditioned meeting and dining rooms, an outdoor pavilion with fire pit, playing fields, and a pool.

### Fees

The Institute Registration Fee is \$1000  
Financial Aid is available

### Application

**Application deadline: June 1, 2010**

Application online at [www.easted.org/youthaction/summerapplication](http://www.easted.org/youthaction/summerapplication)  
or available by mail upon request

**Please send application to:**

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### Cancellation Policy

60 days 75% refund, 30 days 50% refund,  
2 weeks 20% refund, after 14 days, no refunds.