"In order to achieve your dreams, you have to follow YourPassion1st.

- Chris Thomas (Founder)



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YourPassion1st

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ORGANIZATION

Upwards of 50,000 opportunity youth in Chicago are disconnected from the mainstream (Aspen Community Solutions.org)

We inspire young adults to overcome adversity, and empower them to follow their passion into the workforce or entrepreneurship, while focusing on mental health.

There's something special inside of every young adult. Sometimes it just takes a little time to uncover it. - YP1





Two-Pronged Approach

We inspire young adults to tap into their talents through our events, festivals, and collaborative workshops. We then provide coaching & mentorships to help build their mental health and develop their passion in pursuit of a lucrative self rewarding career.

We Build Curiosity

Through project based learning, young adults dive right in. Their curiosity becomes a light switch that can generate self-motivation and confidence, which are key ingredients to transforming their communities. Our teams are led by passionate professionals, industry leaders, and an outgoing youth advisory board.

Festivals & Events (Summer 2022)

Our festivals and events provide cross cultural networking, exciting employment opportunities, onsite hands-on experience within different industries, exposure to industry leaders, plus an introduction to coaching and mentorship programs.

Workshops & Mentorships

We invite industry leaders to host workshops, therfore building genuine curiosity. This opens the door to self motivation, mentorship, and improved mental health conversations.

The Young Ambassadors International Program

Young adults (14-24 yrs) take advantage of festival appearences, skills building projects, mental health workshops, 1-on-1 mentorships, & employment opportunities.

Limited Capacity

50 Participants: Chicago (15) Brazil (10) Africa (10) Global (15)

Application due date: Friday, April 29

YP1 Other Programs

We have boys, girls, and coed cohorts for schools and other organizations.

South Africa

