

CENTER TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANT ORGANIZING



Summer youth organizers and teen leaders

WORKSHOPS AND INTERCHANGES

This summer, three college-aged mentors and eight high school youths facilitated **participatory and root-cause analysis of global migration workshops**. The group include African, Chinese and Haitian teens from our partners, African Economic Development of New England (ACEDONE) and Chinese Progressive Association.

CSIO, ACEDONE and CPA each host a community **interchanges** so that teens can visit each other's communities, learn about each other's **histories, struggles and development efforts**.

Another part of the program is language justice for English learners. Professor Patricia Krueger-Henry of UMASS Boston has facilitated 3 workshops to engage the teens in looking at **language justice** in Boston Public Schools, their own lives, and among their peers. We are using these workshops as the building blocks for our campaign this year.



Interchange hosted by CPA for ACEDONE and CSIO teens

SUMMER 2017 YOUTH PROGRAM

CSIO's summer program brings together an immigrant **Youth Leadership Team (YLT)** from across Boston's Latino and African communities. YLT members learn how to be democratic and facilitative leaders as they take initiative within their communities.

CSIO fosters relationships and encourages cross-cultural understanding between African, Chinese & Latino youth. Through using dialogues, story sharing and healing circles, African and Latinx youth learned about how each other was targeted and the stresses faced. CSIO trains the YLT in root cause analysis, facilitation, language justice and grassroots leadership.

The teens took a strong leadership role in facilitating workshops for their peers and created solidarity among different communities. Hence they finished the program with well-earned skills and knowledge.



African, Latino, and Haitian youth sharing challenges faced by their communities.

- The workshops definitely developed my facilitation and leadership skills. I know now that I have the skills to lead a workshop. I could lead a workshop like the one on Roots of Migration or ELL to teach people about TPS or the Somali community. - Yuleisis

- Before I joined CSIO I was not talking to people. I was so shy and was always in the back. Participating in these workshops helped to be much more confident than before. - Alysha

- I (plan on) working with kids at a community center and after CSIO am thinking of educating them on certain topics like racism & sexism. I think the facilitation and leadership skills I learned from CSIO programs will help me a lot. - Christelle