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## ***Collective Leadership Works: Preparing Youth & Adults for Community Change***

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**Abstract:** *Collective Leadership Works* is the latest resource kit developed by the Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development. The 181 page tool kit is filled with detailed lesson plans designed for youth and adult leadership activities. The resources will benefit groups at any stage of development. Contents have been divided into eight sections including Team Building, Youth-Adult Partnerships, Knowing Community and Place, Creating Ways to Come Together, Leadership and Relationship Development, Planning for Action, Reflection and Spreading the Word. Youth professionals will appreciate this well designed, interactive resource as they engage youth and adults in community building efforts.

### **Review**

*Collective Leadership Works* (2008) is the latest tool kit published by the Innovation Center. This resource was designed as part of a Kellogg Leadership for Community Change initiative. The designers worked with five sites across the United States exploring the potential for collective leadership as they developed this highly interactive resource.

The 181 page tool kit is well designed with appropriate discussion topics, lesson plans, timelines, supply lists, handouts and reflection pieces. Youth professionals will appreciate the step-by-step guidelines included within each module as well as the individual and group activity components. The user friendly format was designed for use by youth and adult audiences who are working in community development, community building, and social justice efforts. The lessons can benefit groups at any stage of development from building a team to strengthening existing groups.

The contents have been divided into the following sections:

1. Building a Team
2. Youth-Adult Partnership skills
3. Know Community and Place

4. Creating Ways to Come Together
5. Individual leadership and Relationship Development
6. Planning for Action
7. Keeping Healthy: Strategies for Reflection and Learning
8. Spreading the Word

The *Collective Leadership Works* kit may be purchased from the Innovation Center for Youth and Community Development <http://www.theinnovationcenter.org/store/164> for \$39.99 or may be downloaded as a PDF attachment free of charge.

## References

The Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development. (2008). *Collective Leadership Works: Preparing Youth & Adults for Community Change*. [Kit] Tacoma Park, Maryland: Author.