



**The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's  
Courses for High School Educators and Guidance Counselors  
Based on the curriculum for the book,  
*Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes***

For the past 20 years, the Stone Soup Leadership Institute has been developing public-private partnerships with communities to help prepare their youth to be leaders. We pride ourselves on being a forward-looking institute, and we provide educational tools that offer opportunities to everyone. Our methods and coursework have been beta-tested, analyzed, evaluated, and refined through a long history of collaboration with schools, ed-tech experts, blue/green employers, and other sustainable works programs. Our extensive program of surveying and data analysis ensures that educators are able to quickly adapt to their students' changing needs. With their focus on career development, these courses empower educators by providing them with the best information available to help them guide their students toward career pathways aimed at future employment.

### **Virtual Education Toolkit**

The Institute's book *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*, and the accompanying educational curriculum, brings the traditional Stone Soup folk tale to life. Our **Virtual Education Toolkit** offers supplemental resources with 100 inspiring true stories and a companion curriculum; inspiring, professionally produced videos; and engaging activities in both English and Spanish. Piloted by the YMCA, the Institute's curriculum has been used in 120 communities to inspire and educate young people to become leaders in their communities as well as in our world. Our interactive digital content is available worldwide via the internet, and can be formatted or printed. It is also available in hard copy for use in rural and low-income communities that may not have access to reliable internet service.

### **The Courses**

With the Institute's *Stone Soup for the World Educational Curriculum*, we are proud to have created a new model for inspiring, educating, and empowering students to enter STEM career pathways. This curriculum is for those who are working with young people in a variety of roles and settings—from teachers, to leaders of afterschool programs like the YMCA's, to AmeriCorps, Teacher Corps and Peace Corps volunteers - to spread the Stone Soup message around the world. **Our four courses have been beta-tested in eight trials**, both virtually and on location, working in collaboration with educators, employers, academies, charter schools, and community and youth leadership initiatives. These materials can be used by any school, and will be made available and promoted through the Institute's social media channels.

- **Career Development Course**

A 10-week course using the book/curriculum, *Stone Soup for the World: Life Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*

- Determine students' key interests and help them explore possible career paths.
- Help students create Five-Year Plans for pursuing their future careers.
- Guide students in exploring and articulating their life goals.
- Help students develop the skills essential for leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

- **Leadership Course**

A 10-week course using the book/curriculum, *Stone Soup for the World: Life Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*

- Session 1: Community Leadership
- Session 2: Teamwork
- Session 3: Communications
- Session 4: Problem Solving
- Session 5: Conflict Resolution
- Session 6: Critical Thinking Skills
- Session 7: Project Management
- Session 8: Time Management
- Session 9: Adaptability
- Session 10: Professionalism

- **Sustainability Course**

A 10-week course using the book/curriculum: *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes*

- Interactive Lesson Plans: Language Arts, STEM Activities and Sustainability Innovations
- Global Young Hero Speaker Series
- Engaging videos: Hero Reports
- Sustainable Career Pathways

- **Sustainability Summit Course**

An intensive one-week course using book/curriculum: *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes*

- Virtual Digital Assembly
- Sustainability Survey: personalize student goals
- Global Young Hero Speaker Series
- Speakers from Blue-Green Companies
- Engaging videos: Hero Reports
- Sustainability Tours (virtual)
- Sustainability Projects
- Sustainable Career Pathways
- Use TouchStone Leaders Learning Tools™ to develop action plans to build a more sustainable world.

• Students learn how to troubleshoot challenges, make presentations and develop strategies

to engage others in your quest to build a more sustainable world.

### **Alignment with State Standards**

Our Curriculum Design Team, comprised of PhDs and MAs from a variety of disciplines, along with our youth leaders have taken great care to design lesson plans that are aligned with state-

specific Department of Education requirements, and are user-friendly for educators to integrate into their plans. By aligning our lesson plans with state standards, our aim is to ensure that all students are taught to develop the same skills regardless of their background.

Each lesson plan has clear and easy-to-follow guidelines stating which standards are met for the following states:

- **Massachusetts Department of Education State Standards** for ELA (English Learning)
- **California Department of Education State Standards** for ELA (English Learning)

#### **Sustainability BETA Sites: 2015-2020**

All of our programs are rigorously beta-tested and retested against a series of measurables in order to continually improve quality, interactivity, and outcomes for our community of educators and students. Here is a partial list of some of the amazing educational communities we've formally partnered with over the last five years.

#### **Sustainability Course**

A dynamic, virtual 10-week interactive program based upon the Institute's 16 Youth Leadership Sustainability Summit.

- **Cape Cod Academy, Orleans, MA Fall 2020**
- **Global Learning Public Charter School, New Bedford, MA: 2019-2020**
- **Sustainability Course: Newport, RI: 2019-2020** with SouthCoast Blue Corridor with the City of Newport, RI SouthCoast Development Partnership and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.
  - **SustainWDN™ Survey:** The Institute's Tech Team designed a customized jobs matching system featuring regional blue-green jobs. The Institute's SustainWDN™ Survey determined company's current and future employment needs and assess the skills required for these jobs; explore the workforce development opportunities including speakers, mentors, internships, field trips, on the job training, apprenticeships, and STEM partnerships with schools.

#### **Career Development Course + Train-the-Trainer Cohort #1 Facilitators 2018-2019**

Facilitator trained to use the TouchStoneLeaders platform based on the book/curriculum, *Stone Soup for the World: Life Changing Stories of Everyday*

#### **Career Development Course: Providence, Rhode Island 2018-2019**

TouchStone Life Planning Tools & Dream Map™

Served as framework for year-round program: Rhode Island Youth Leadership Initiative based on the book/curriculum, *Stone Soup for the World: Life Changing Stories of Everyday*

#### **Career Development Course: Holyoke, Massachusetts 2017-2018**

TouchStone Life Planning Tools & Dream Map™

Served as framework for year-round program: Sustainable Holyoke Youth Leadership Initiative. Facilitators codesigned a 10-week course using the book/curriculum, *Stone Soup for the World: Life Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes* to teach values, empathy, and authenticity, and to inspire

youth to find their “true north” as they navigate decisions for their lives, their communities, and their world.

**Leadership Course: Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative: 2015-2017**

Facilitators co-designed a 10-week course using the book/curriculum, *Stone Soup for the World: Life Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes* to teach values: empathy and authenticity and inspire youth to find their true north as they navigate decisions for their life, their community and the world.

**The Institute's Performance Metrics** guide course development measures for teaching the skills that are most needed for the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Adaptability, Communication, Critical Thinking, Conflict Resolution, Teamwork, Project Management, Problem Solving, and Career Pathway Guidance. Data from our surveys suggests that educators and youth alike recognize the same structural issues when trying to navigate the landscape of education for jobs in sustainability: a lack of support in accessing proper mentoring, educational, and internship opportunities, as well as a lack of sufficient information, resources, and key educational courses in STEM. The Institute strives to use our actionable data to create a more equitable and sustainable educational environment.

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