

Part 2: Getting Your Message Across

Youth-adult partnerships are exciting relationships, so exciting that oftentimes participants want to tell others about the work they're doing and the ways this work and the partnership affect their lives. When youth and adults together tell their shared story, this can be a partnership building activity in itself. The activities in this section highlight some of the ways KLCC II members shared their message about youth-adult partnerships.

THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION: NOT SO BORING AFTER ALL

We know that the words "PowerPoint presentation" can evoke memories of painfully boring classroom lectures or dry corporate presentations. We know because we've been there, too. But don't discount the digital slide show as an engaging way to deliver a message. If used creatively, PowerPoint presentations can be an exciting, effective, and lasting way to introduce new concepts, topics, or skills to your group.

Make sure that your presentation is stimulating: use lots of pictures, sounds, and animation. Avoid big blocks of text, which can be intimidating for an audience. Instead, try bullet points, and discuss them to make group members active participants in the presentation. Also, remember to be kind to your audience's eyes; use a font that's big enough to read and color schemes that are easy to look at.

The link below will take you to a PowerPoint presentation the Innovation Center made for a conference about youth-adult partnerships. In this presentation, pairs discuss the elements of successful partnerships they've experienced, and small groups brainstorm ways to make a strong youth-adult partnership.

Click below on the title to view the show and the activities. You can also visit www.theinnovationcenter.org and browse by resource type within our "Activities, Tool Kits & Reports" section — you'll find the presentation located under "Tool Kits and Resources." We hope you find the show enjoyable and take away ideas for your own presentations while learning a bit more about youth-adult partnerships in the process. Feel free to use the slide show with your own groups to stimulate discussion on youth-adult partnerships.

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