Defining Yourself as a Leader

BACKGROUND
In many areas of a teenager’s life, they will be asked different formats of a similar question – “Tell me about yourself”. This open-ended question can be challenging answer.

WHAT TO DO
Activity: What is a leader?
Time needed: 15 minutes
- Divide into groups of 5-6 teens.
- Distribute one pen and a Leader Outline handout to each group.
- Within the group, members need to discuss words which describe a leader to them, and record them on their large paper. If applicable, record the words near a relevant area of the picture (Caring might be written near the heart, Service might be written near the hands, etc.).
- After 7-9 minutes, have the groups share their description words.

TALK IT OVER
Reflect:
Each participant should be able to define themselves as a leader and identify key words of what might define others who are leaders.

Apply:
Share the definition of Leader: A Leader is the person who leads or commands a group, organization, or country. How do you define yourself?

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- Pass out an index card and a pen to each person and allow 2 minutes to write a 30 second sales pitch finishing the statement “I am a leader ___________________”.
- What are some areas of your life, now or in the future, where you might use your sales pitch? (job interviews, ambassadors, elections, etc)
Considerations for Conducting Virtually:
- Send Leader Outline to participants ahead of time and have them print it off or save to their computer
- Create breakout rooms to randomly place 5-6 participants in each breakout room
- In each breakout room, they can use the Leader Outline and discuss the words which describe a leader to them and write on the Leader Outline where it is most relevant
- After 7-9 minutes, come back as a large group to debrief and discuss results

Sources:

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