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)

Please take time to complete the Participant and Facilitator evaluations, found online at go.osu.edu/TeenLeadership20.