

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform



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How Might We...



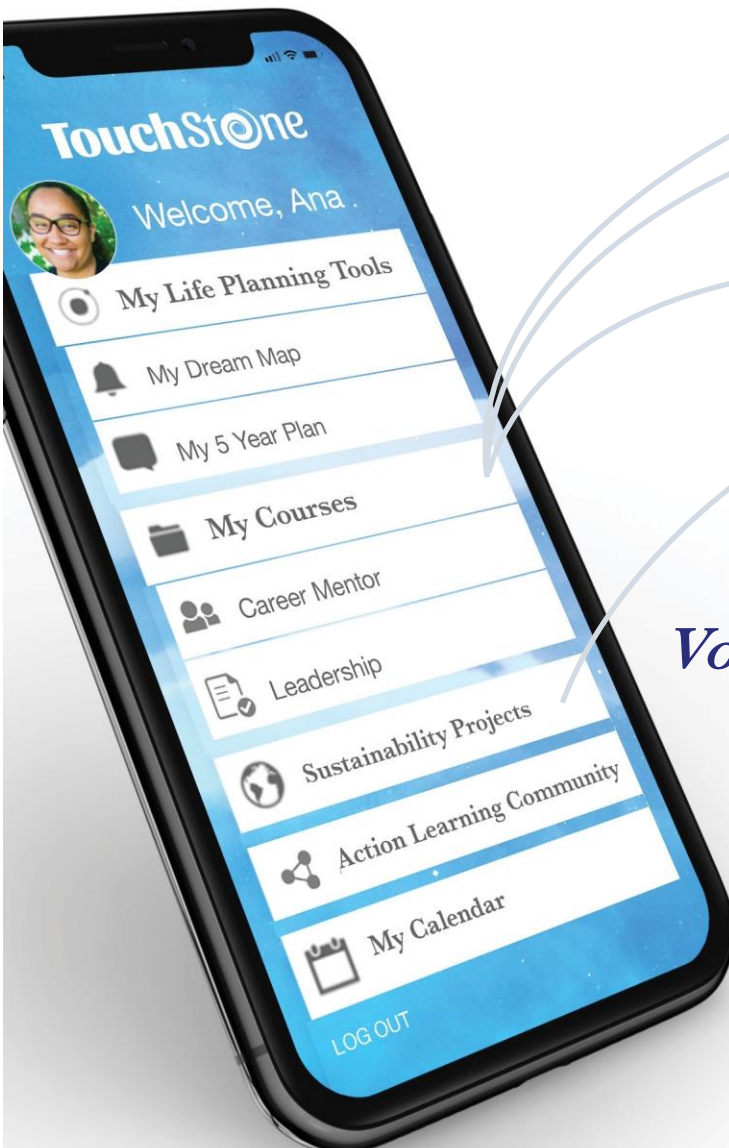
*Empower Volunteer Mentors
to Train the Next Generation of
Multicultural Youth To Be Champions
of Building A Sustainable World?*

The Institute's TouchStone Leaders

Sustainability & Life Planning Tools



REAL-WORLD



STEM CURRICULUM

*Sustainable
Careers*

Volunteer Mentors

Our APPs build
real-world
connections



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What We Want

To Rebuild & Scale
The Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform

Proof of Concept

From 2015-2019, the Institute worked with youth leaders like Chris Aring
to design the **Platform's Life Planning Tools & Dream Map™**
Courses & Sustainability Tools.
We've BETA Tested it in 4 communities.

This deck features Chris' Journey with the Institute's Platform.

**We invite Autodesk to Partner with us
To Increase Our Impact & Train Volunteer Mentors.**

The Institute's Story: Meet Chris Aring

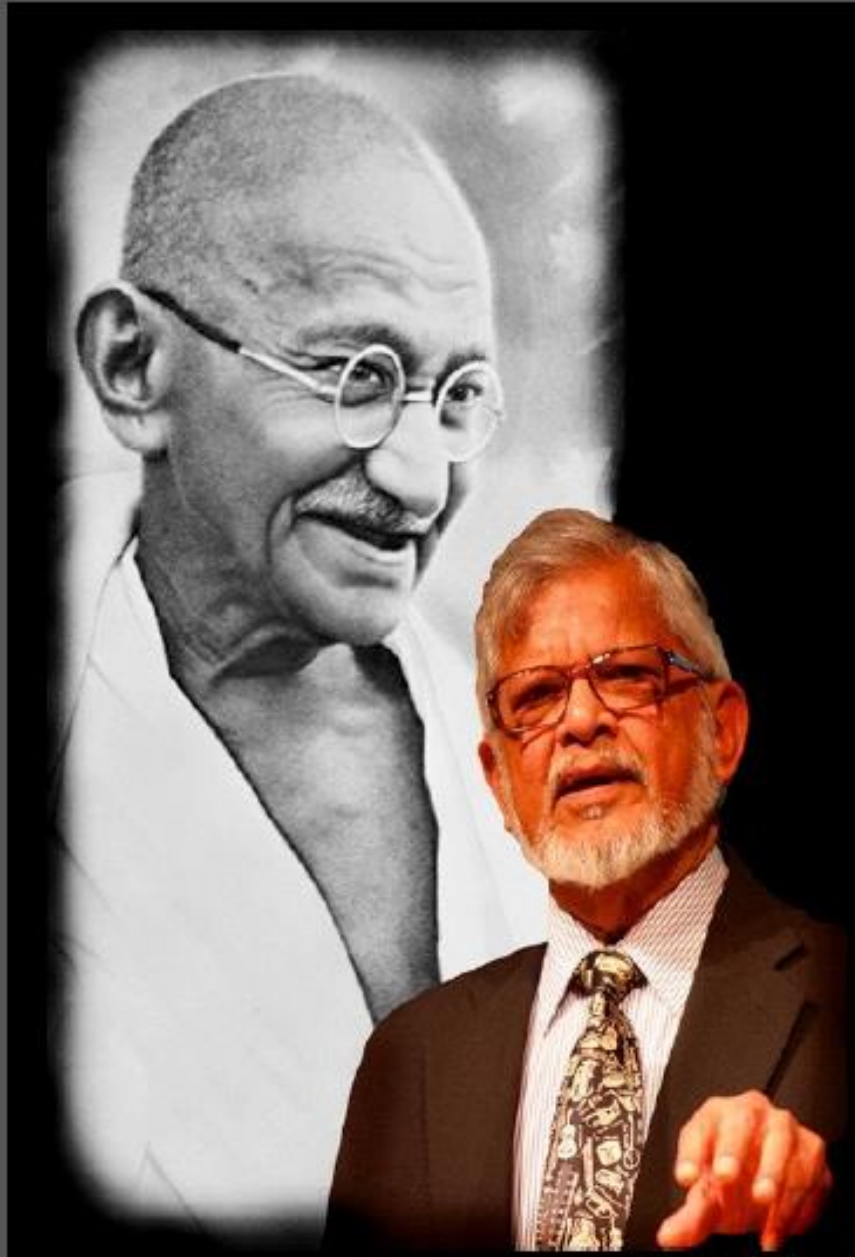


Chris Aring @ 16 Years

In 2015 Chris served as a youth delegate to the **Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Youth Leadership Summit**.

At the Summit he was inspired by Gandhi's grandson to ground his tech talents to serve humanity.

Chris & Gandhi's Grandson: The Institute's Summit 2015



Gandhi's Grandson Arun
11th Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development
June 27-July 2, 2015

Gandhi's Grandson with Emerging Leaders



We Mentor
For 21st Century Careers

We Customize
Sustainable Workforce Development
Tools & Leadership Initiatives

We Catalyze
Entrepreneurs and Start- Ups

We Build Bridges
With Business, Government, Community Leaders

We Cultivate
Young & Emerging Leaders
From Inner Cities To Rural Communities And Global Islands.

We Leverage
Stone Soup for the World:
Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes



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Chris Led Hack-A-Thon/Design-A-thon: 2015



User Experience Design Process = PERSONA

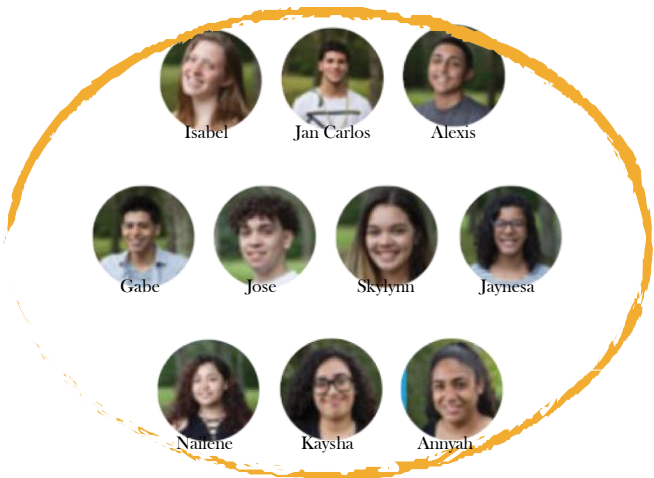


Chris with College Tech Students
& The Institute's Emerging Leaders

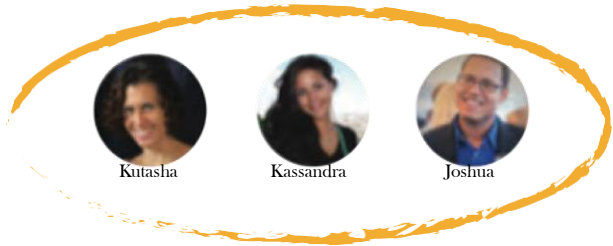
Connecting The Institute's Communities & The World



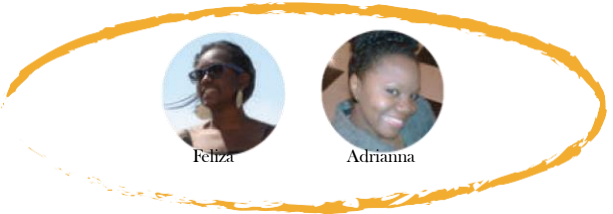
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PUERTO RICO: VIEQUES



BVI: VIRGIN GORDA



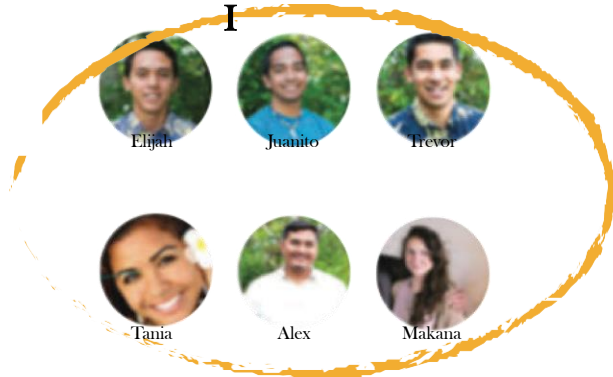
MARTHA'S VINEYARD



RHODE ISLAND



HAWAII



The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Intern Senior Project at MV Regional High School



Chris created Hack-a-Thon

- User Experience: Persona
- DECK for REVEAL event;
- BETA: Leadership Course based on *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*
- Designed www.Volufind.com
- Designed: www.VirtualFieldStation.org

BETA I: Prototype Leadership Course: 2016

Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative



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My Dream Map | My Courses | Youth Leaders | Facilitator | To Do | Events | Messages | Admin User | Edit Profile

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► Projects

- Blue Sustainability Project
- Volufind

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Hi Chris!

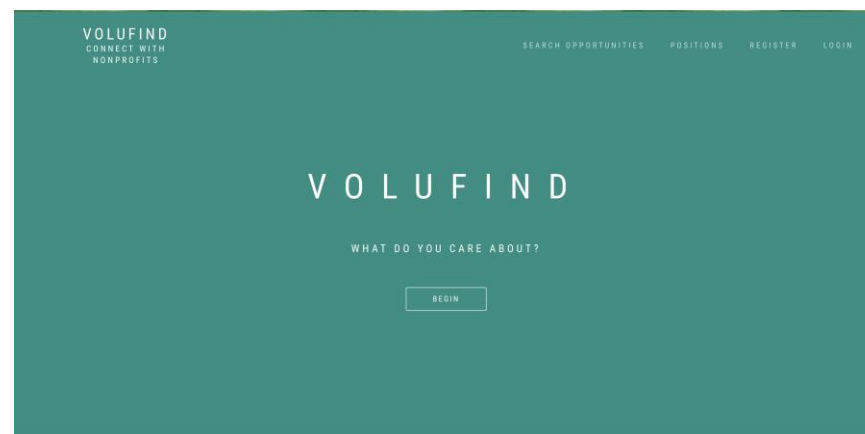
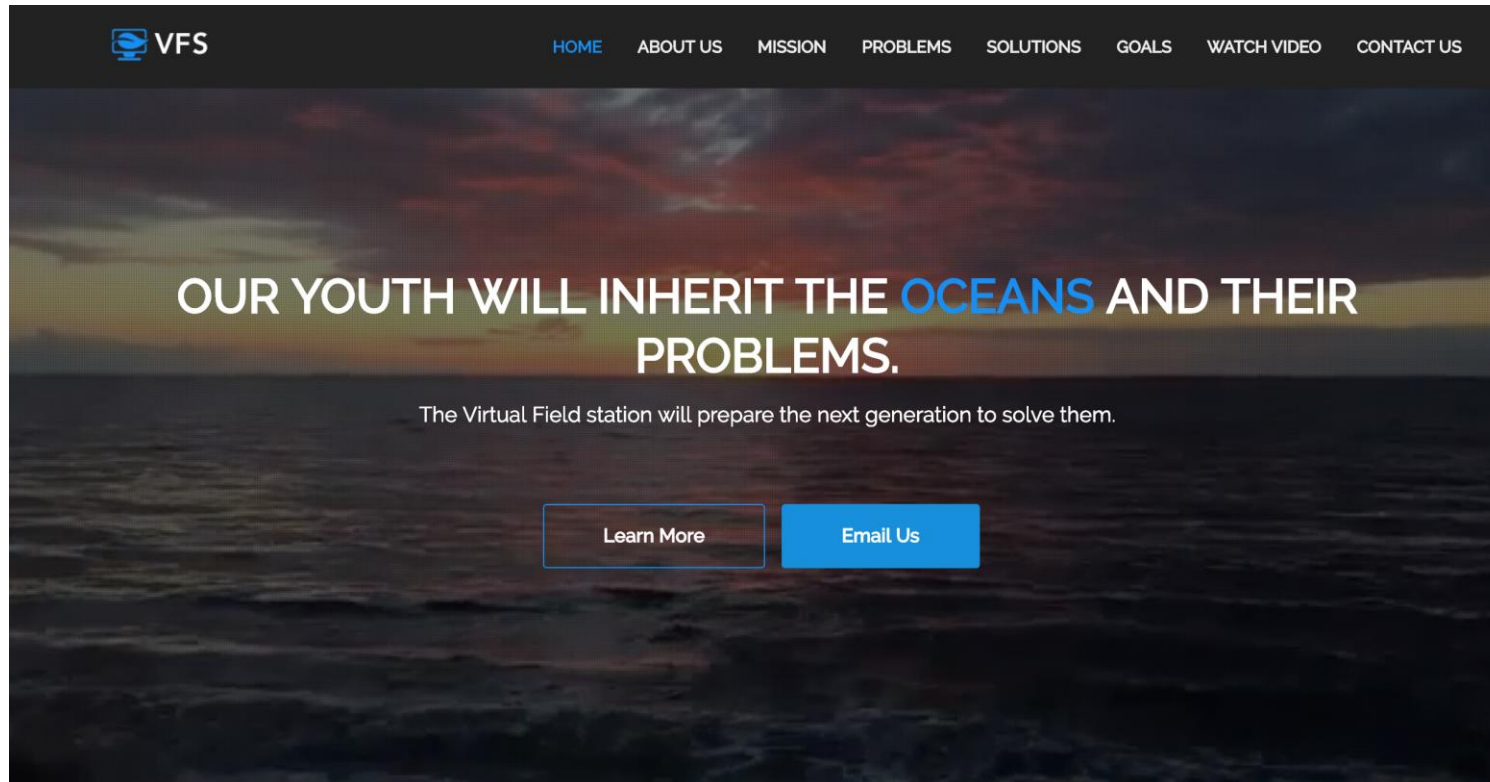
COURSE: Local/Global Leadership

- Weekly Forum Youth
- Attendance
- Performance Metrics
- Stone Soup for the World eBook (English Version)
- Pan Y Vino Para El Camino - Spanish
- Performance Evaluation
- GrubBox
- Ground Rules
- Session Make Up Guidelines
- Session 4 Problem Solving Blog Reflection Questions
- Start Up Blue Weekend
- Global Resources
 - A few of our favorite global resources and courses
- Local Resources
 - Stone Soup Videos
 - News Forum



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BETA I: Designed Sustainability Tools





Chris: The Institute's Job Shadow Day



**Chris Presents Progress on
TouchStone Platform at
Boston Museum of Science
With Galen Ho, CEO
Immersive Worlds LLC**



**Chris's Mentor Galen Ho
inspired him to apply to
Olin College of Engineering**



Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative



Olin College
of Engineering

Build-A-Budget



Team Ladle

Chris Aring, Sarah Barden,
Minju Kang, Charlie Owen, Jeremy Ryan

BETA II: Prototype Dream Map: 2016

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BETA III: Prototype Career Mentor Course 2017

Sustainable Holyoke Youth Leadership Initiative



Sustainable Holyoke Youth Leadership Initiative
is a year-round program to educate & empower youth
through The Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform's
Learning Tools
and Career Mentor Course.

www.SHYLI.co



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Hi Alexis!

COURSE: Career Mentor

Professional Worksheet

My dream for my professional life is: Entrepreneur/Director

1. School: Graduate Community College; then 4 Year College
2. College Prep
3. Career Mentors
4. Job Shadow Day
5. Internship
6. Summer Job
7. Youth Leadership Summit

My Action Steps

[NEXT: College Prep Worksheet](#)



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How Might We....?
Design A Site to Empower Youth
With Sustainable Resources to Build a Sustainable World



Chris, Chris Brown
& Trevor Tanaka
Roger Williams University

Designed New Site

- Sustainability is Fun
<http://www.sustainabilityisfun.com/>

What Worked

- Innovation/Out-of-the Box Thinking
- Disruptive & User-Friendly
- Cost-Effective Tool for STEM Educators

What We Learned

- Blue-Green Jobs = Hard to Find/Connect
- Need To Build Blue-Green Pipeline: FAST!
- Build Bridges: Youth + Business = Mentors, Jobs
- Green New Deal: Target Market = Community College

Chris Redesign's The Institute's Prototype *Sustainable Hawaii Toolkit*



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SUSTAINABLE HAWAII
A Connection Resource to go Green


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Hawai'i Island is a sacred, unique place that must be protected. This knowledge inspired us to create Sustainable Hawai'i, an inspiring, empowering and interactive resource to help everyone, youth and adults alike, go green and care for our environment.

Click on any of the links below to view the different Sustainable Goals for Hawai'i:

- [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan](#)
- [State of Hawaii's Ka Hei Program](#)
- [Aloha + Challenge Dashboard](#)



BETA IV: Dream Map 2018-2019

Rhode Island Youth Leadership Initiative



Lya Perez



Lya with U.S. Senator White House

My Dream For My Life...
to become a health care provider.

My Dream For My Community...
for students to be more engaged with education.

My Dream For The World...
to help the poor in my family's country
of Dominican Republic.

MY
PORTFOLIO

My Bio
Headshot
Resume
My Mentor



TouchStone Leaders Planning Tools: The Dream Map™ The Stone Soup Leadership Institute Inc. 2017

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BETA V: Prototype Facilitator Course: 2019

Rhode Island Youth Leadership Initiative



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Become a TouchStone Facilitator

Smart Tools for Millennials to Change the World

APPLY NOW



Learn more World Leaders

We inspire millennials to become change makers



Collaborate on Projects

Share your ideas, discover best practices, join global community



Get Certified

Get jobs working with youth



Be a Global Virtual Traveler

Connect with people working together around the world.

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Chris Aring @ 21 Years

Platform Project Coordinator



Chris is now a Junior at Olin College of Engineering, majoring in Computer & Electrical Engineering. He received a full 4 year scholarship.

Chris personal mission is to create new technologies and ideas that will benefit others. He wants to use his knowledge to educate others.

He serves as the Platform Project Coordinator.

Thanks to the Stone Soup Leadership Institute

I've learned that the future starts with us

— with me and you — the choices we make now will have an impact on the future.

It is imperative for our generation to be educated in sustainability

All it takes is one person with an idea to change the life of a person, community, state, or country.

If we are all motivated and made aware of our own individual importance,

can come together to make change for a brighter future.

Chris Aring



The Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform was designed in Moodle by college students. It is currently hosted on www.touchstoneleaders.net

To effectively scale the Platform, it needs to be **rebuilt on Canvas**.

Features

- **The Institute's Dream Map™** requires a customizable block that allows for addition and customization of text and pictures.
- **Our Learning Tools, Training Modules, Courses Syllabus, and Videos;**
- **Canvas ePortfolio, Blog, Calendar, Courses, Resources, Timeline**
- **IA Map** utilizes the **Platform Audit** categorizes existing and new features.
- **Platform Users:** Mentor/Facilitator working with Youth (ages 15-20).

Autodesk Employee Testimonial



I am so proud to see how much Lya and Leaslie have grown academically this year. The support and mentorship that the Stone Soup Leadership Institute provides to them is really showing in their attitude towards college and social responsibility for their community.

I will always be grateful to the Institute for providing to Lya and Leaslie the time and guidance that I can't give them because we live so far apart. I'm impressed with how the Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform gives them the tools to track their progress and plan for their future. It's a powerful resource that nurtures long-distance relationships like ours, It could be a great tool for volunteer mentors to help other youth in their communities.

Jose Paix, Lya and Leaslie's

Uncle



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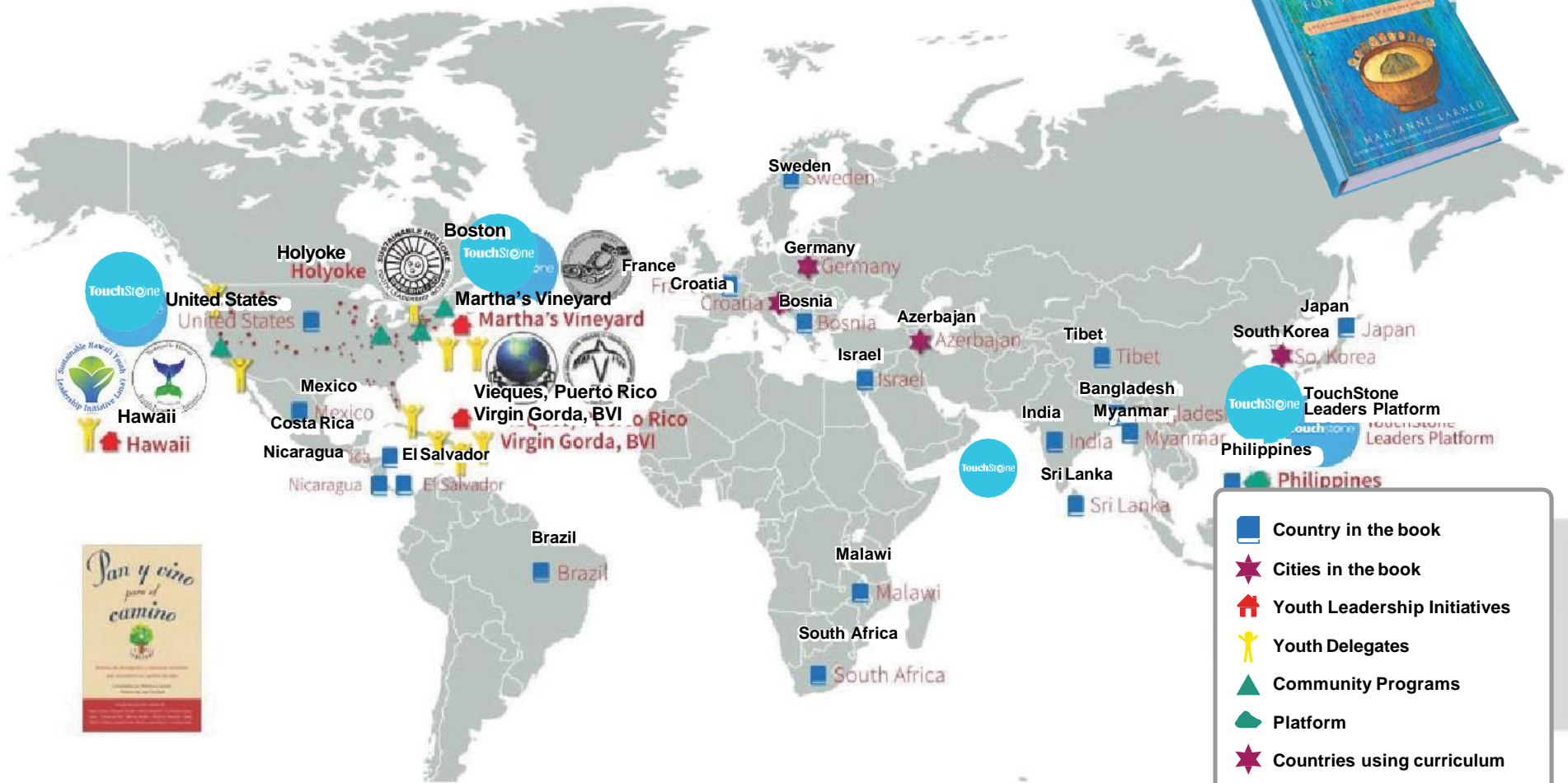
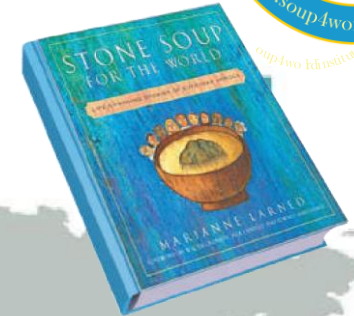
The Stone Soup Leadership Institute is a global leader in designing sustainable workforce development initiatives that prepare multicultural youth to become successful in their lives, their communities and our world. The Institute's multi-faceted educational tools, trainings, and are designed to build sustainable workforce development initiatives.

The TouchStone Leaders Platform gives volunteer mentors effective tools to support and engage the **next generation of change makers** to lead our world.

It leverages the Institute's award-winning humanitarian book and curriculum *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*.

The Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform

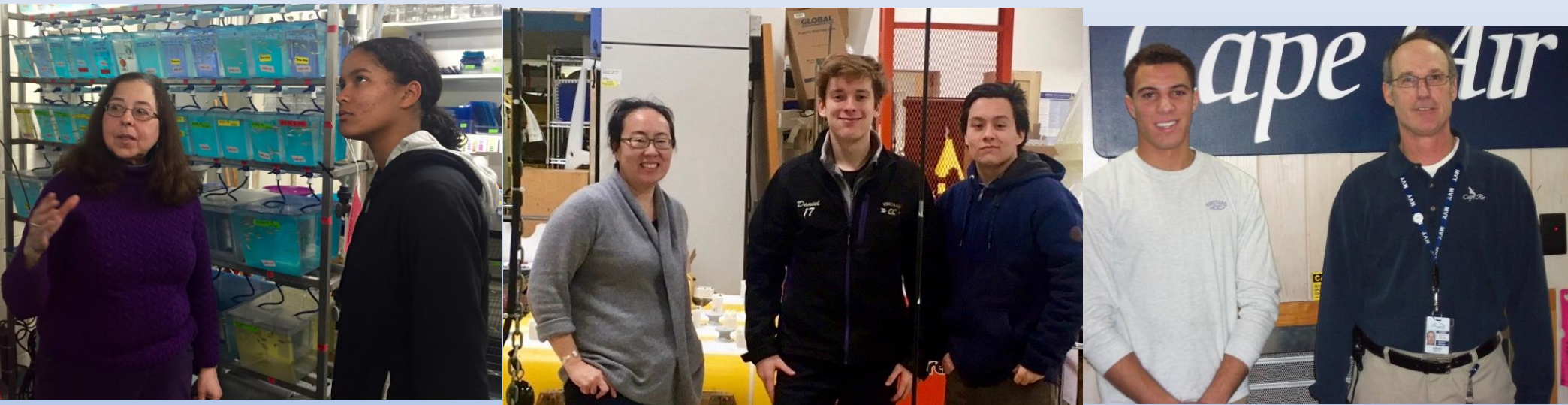
Workforce Development & Life Planning Tools



The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's *Sustainable Workforce Development Program*



**Triple Bottom Line =
Good for Business, Communities & Our World**



- **Expose young minds to inspiring leaders, opens doors and expands their horizons;**
- **Career Pathways and Internships with business, government leaders and blue-green companies;**
- **Youth become motivated students & receive support from professionals, companies; interns, jobs**
- **Develops New Leadership:** We are grooming a generation of multicultural sustainability leaders.

The Institute's Sustainability Summits: 2003-2018



- Week-Long Leadership Intensive
- Train-The-Trainer Model = Volunteer Mentors
- Summit Tech Team Works With Youth To Prototype Cool Tools
- Sustainability Tours: Best Practices, Models + Blue Green Jobs
- Develop Action Plans to Engage Others;
- Empowered Sustainability Champions in Our World

The Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform

Workforce Development & Life Planning Tools



The Institute's **Education Channel** features over 100 videos of young and emerging leaders who are working in their community and in the world.



IN CELEBRATION OF HEROES
Walter Cronkite



ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Kassandra Castillo



SUSTAINABILITY
Hawaii



CAREER MENTOR
Alex Siordia & Rep. Aaron Vega



LEADERSHIP
Alexis's
Journey



OUR VISION

The Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform

Sustainable Workforce Development & Life Planning Tools



PROVEN, TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP TOOLS

I GET STRONGER
EVERY DAY

YOUTH



1. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nomination Process

- Nominators: non-profit organizations, schools, business, parents, other youth

3. BOOK: STONE SOUP FOR THE WORLD

- What is a Hero?
- People who had a DREAM
- Who asked: what can I do?
- Who overcame obstacles
- Who learned "skills sets"
- Who asked for help
- Who created a support system
- Who shared/tested their ideas
- Who changed, adapted, expanded/joined others

HERO



1 Year Long Program

2. APPLICATION

- For my life
- For my community
- For my world
- What are my concerns?
- Service: How am I helping?
- Why do I want to be a delegate?
- Commitment: no drugs/alcohol



5. MENTOR PROGRAM

- What is my DREAM for my life?
- Leadership Cards
- Guest Speaker: "Hero"
- shares DREAM, journey
- Safe space to explore DREAM
- Skills sets to develop DREAM
- bio, questions,
- Mentor - worksite: experiential learning
- Skill set: Thinking: what I learned
- Writing, thank you cards



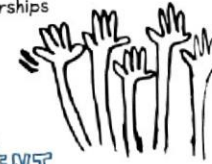
COLLEGE Program

- Skill set: Critical thinking/decision-making
- Writing: Essays, application, scholarships
- FIELD TRIP
- Portfolios
- Bios: youth, mentor, press
- Mentor II:
- Internship

- Workforce development: Job

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Job Shadow Day & Reception



4. SUMMIT: week intensive

- Bringing DREAMS into ACTION
- Be with "Hero" from Book
- Finding vision/voice
- Cultural/arts/music
- Official leaders
- Experiential learning
- Sustainable Tour
- Large group
- Small group: Emerging Leaders
- Safe space to explore my DREAM
- Professional workgroups
- Worksheets: 5 Year Plan
- Sustainability-in-Action Project

NETWORKING

- Skill set: Hand shake, business cards
- Goal: sharing DREAMS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Graduation & Reception
- Cronkite Awards & Reception
- Gandhi Youth Forum & Reception



7. VISION & VOICES

- What is my DREAM for our world?
- Presentations: local school board
- Field Trips: Elected Leaders
- Speaking @ events/conferences
- Represent the Institute/all youth
- Courage to share our DREAM
- Youth delegate to VISIONEER to EMERGING LEADER to Certificate Train-the-Trainer Module



- Giving back, paying it forward
- Building feeder system of leaders



PUERTO RICO

[Success Stories](#) | [Videos](#) | [Photo Gallery](#)

Vieques Youth Leadership Initiative

We've been building youth leaders for over 20 years.

They are now successful millennial leaders giving back, training the next generation & supporting their communities.

Take a virtual journey and watch their incredible stories.



About The Stone Soup Leadership Institute



*A Global Leader in Designing Innovative Workforce Development Initiatives
Life-Planning Tools for Building a Blue-Green Workforce & Sustainable Economy*

WHAT WE DO

Our world is in urgent need of new leadership, innovative thinking, and action-oriented people who can work together to effectively build a more sustainable world. The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform lights the way for a sustainable future.

Awareness



Youth experience first-hand, our ocean's fragility with **Sustainable Field Trips**, Multicultural youth and faculty explore ways to engage all people in sustainability projects that reduce social injustice and honor cultural diversity.

Education



The **Institute's Educational Curriculum** uses inspirational humanitarian stories to teach values: empathy & authenticity and inspire youth to find their moral compass, a true north as they navigate important decisions for their life, their community and the world.

Leadership



At the **Institute's Sustainability Summits**, youth learn best practices and innovative models to solve sustainable issues in their communities and our world. Youth become representatives of their communities. They make effective presentations: artistically, speaking through video and social media.

Vision



Youth use the **Institute's Life Planning Tools** to envision their lives, and plan for their future. They are inspired by other youth who have overcome obstacles and are changing their lives and their world. They see themselves as part of the solution.

Initiative



During the **Institute's Fellowship Programs**, youth learn to take initiative in their lives. They design **Sustainability-In-Action Projects**, develop action plans, troubleshoot challenges and develop strategies to engage others. They learn from emerging leaders with can-do spirit & make-it-happen energy.

Connect



Youth are matched with mentors from Blue/Green companies that lead to internships and jobs. The **Institute's Sustainable Leadership Metrics** measures 21st Century skills: Adaptability, Communication, Critical-thinking, Conflict-Resolution, Teamwork, Project Management, and Problem Solving.

THE INSTITUTE'S MISSION

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute develops educational tools, trainings and initiatives to empower young people and their communities to work together to build the blue/green pipeline for a sustainable workforce & economy. The Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform's Life Planning Tools: Dream Map™ is an online framework for individualized learning, self-directed careers for 21st century workforce development, especially blue/green jobs. It is the window where global users access our educational tools, courses, trainings, mentors, resources so they can transform their lives, communities and world.