

**OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOUTH**  
**Work-Study - Internships (*unpaid*) - Community Engagement**  
FALL 2023/SPRING 2024

**YOUTH PROGRAM SUPPORT **IN FIRST GENERATION****

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First Generation is an intensive, arts, youth leadership and social justice program in Springfield, Massachusetts that provides a platform for young people to have a public voice in their community, and beyond. First Gen brings together youth ages 15 and up for self-reflection, dialogue, and artistic training. Forming an artistic ensemble, the group creates multi-lingual performances based on their life experiences with a focus on social justice.

First Generation members may be the first in their family to grow up in the United States, the first to speak English, to graduate high school, go to college, be openly LGBTQ+, be incarcerated, be drug free, be a feminist, break a silence, or many other firsts. Participants are multi-lingual and include youth who are court-involved.

**MAJORS, INTERESTS**

Youthwork/youth development, arts, devised physical theater, social justice, public health, education, program administration, human services, social work, psychology, human services, community development, cultural activism

**SKILLS, REQUIREMENTS**

- Be passionate about children and young adults and creating spaces for youth voices
- Have an interest in social justice, cultural activism, and community building
- Be playful, patient, reliable, flexible, open-minded, good communication skills, good follow through
- Have reliable access to transportation
- Multi-lingual a plus
- References and CORI

**RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE**

- Helping with coordination and logistics
- Participating with First Gen youth in our artistic and leadership trainings
- Support youth in their devised physical theater creative process
- Support during performances and events
- Share college/graduate/professional experience with youth participants
- Possible transportation support
- If interested- offer academic support/tutoring

**SCHEDULE:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00 (or 3:30) - 6:30 PM. Additionally, First Gen goes on field trips to performances and cultural events, participates in weekend workshops and trainings, and performs.

**LOCATION:** Springfield, MA

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*We strongly encourage BIPOC students to apply and/or reach out for more information about this opportunity.*