Building Bridges through Leadership Training

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Three Challenges and Our Approach

- Lack of interaction between across the divides
- Lack of critical thinking skills
- Lack of opportunities to channel positive energy

Our Intervention

- Leadership training
 - Large class discussion using Socratic and Case-in-point method
 - Small group case consultation
 - Communication workshop
- Community service
 - Project designing and implementation workshop
 - Fundraising workshop

Impact of the program

- Capacity development
- Addressing problems in the society

Best practices

- Building bridges across the divides works as a melting pot, fosters pluralism, helps understand the true value of inclusiveness
- Creating diagnostic mindset
- Using Case-in-point to turn classroom into a leadership laboratory
- Reflection as a tool to cultivate deeper learning
- Keeping low students and teacher ratio to give the participants personalized feedback