



OVERVIEW

Calling all students who are eager to build their leadership, entrepreneurship, confidence, and resilience skills! Are you passionate about creating change and helping others at your school, at your parish, or in your neighbourhood? With this opportunity, you will take a leadership role in exploring innovative ideas to help bridge any gaps that exist within your communities.

The A-Team Believe Initiative in partnership with the Angel foundation, is designed to provide a hands-on experience that will help you develop essential skills that can be applied in all aspects of your life. Over a series of leadership sessions, you'll work with a team of like-minded individuals to identify a need or problem that aligns with your passions and develop a solution that can make a real impact in your school or community.

Throughout the program, you'll have the opportunity to build your leadership skills, gain confidence in your abilities, and build on your storytelling skills! The program will culminate in an exciting pitch day, where you'll have the chance to pitch your innovative solution to a panel of investors. Not only will you have the chance to showcase your skills and ideas, but you'll also have the opportunity to win thousands of dollars in grants to help fund your project!!

With a focus on teamwork, leadership, and innovation, you'll gain valuable experience that will help set you up for success in the future. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to make a positive impact and develop essential skills that will benefit you for years to come!

A-Team Believe Initiative is led by Sarah Wells in partnership with the Angel Foundation for Learning and the Focus on Youth Program

- Founder of the Believe Initiative
- Olympic 400m Hurdler
- Pan Am Games Silver Medalist
- Amazing Race Canada Finalist

More about Sarah: www.SarahWells.ca



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS



5 Leadership Sessions

The program will consist of 5 sessions about leadership skills and culminate in a final in-person Pitch Day



Leadership Activities and Worksheets

Students will participate in a series of activities and complete worksheets that will enhance their leadership skills and activate their projects



Ai Speaking Feedback Tools

Students will improve their public speaking skills using Ai speaking tools before the final Pitch Day



Connect with Students across TCDSB

Throughout the program, students will have the opportunity to engage and connect with others from across TCDSB



Earn a Certified Credential

After completing the program, each participant will recieve a certified credential that they can link to their Linkedin or Email Signature



Engage with Professional Investors

At the final Pitch Day, students will be able to engage with investors from the community and form relationships





HOW IT WILL WORK

FIVE THOUSANDS ONE

Sessions

Of Dollars in Grants

Big Impact



Kick Off Session

November 22th (10am-3pm)

a The Catholic Education Centre, 80 Shepard Ave. E.

Olympian Sarah Wells will deliver an inspiring message to activate students into action. This will set the stage for students and their projects.

November 29th 3:30-4:30pm (Virtual)

Creating Action Plans

Students will continue to strengthen their project ideas and formalize action plans to bring them to life. Students will learn a framework and process to manageably implement their idea and prevent overwhelm amongst all their competing priorities.



Dream Team

December 13th 3:30-4:30pm (Virtual)

Students will gain the skills needed to intentionally design their support systems as well as the tools needed to effectively ask for help with their project idea and process.



Storytelling



Students will learn best practices for public speaking and focus on crafting their project pitches.



Pitch Day

Date TBD (Feb) - In-Person Event

This in-person session will allow students to deliver their pitches to investors and celebrate their hard work.

YOUR COMMITMENT



Assemble a

Create an A-Team of 6 or more students to represent your school



Attend all 5 sessions

Students will need to attend all sessions including the inperson Kick Off and Pitch Day



Willing to present at Pitch Day

Students must present their projects in person at the Pitch Day



Commitment to Personal Growth

Students will need to be excited and engaged throughout the program



WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



"Participating in this leadership program was a truly transformative experience that I will never forget. Through the program, I gained valuable skills that have not only improved my daily life but will enhance my future career. The lessons I learned on leadership, communication, and teamwork have been invaluable, and I now feel better equipped to take on any challenge that comes my way. This has been a truly rewarding and enriching experience that I would highly recommend to anyone looking to grow both personally and professionally"

—Alivia

"My experience was nothing short of transformative. I was able to develop a diverse set of skills that have helped me both personally and professionally. I was able to explore my interests and passions while learning valuable lessons about leadership, teamwork, and effective communication. The program provided a supportive and collaborative environment that helped me to grow as an individual and become a more effective contributor to my community. I am so grateful for the opportunities and experiences, and I would highly recommend it to anyone looking to develop new skills and make a meaningful impact in the world"

—Justin



"This was an incredible journey filled with both fun and knowledge. The program provided me with a wide range of skills and valuable insights, and I truly enjoyed collaborating with my peers to make a positive impact in our community. Throughout the course, I learned how to communicate more effectively, lead with empathy, and work as part of a team towards a common goal. It was truly amazing to see the positive impact we were able to have through our passion projects. Overall, my experience was incredibly rewarding and has helped me become a better leader and team player in all aspects of my life!"

-Nahlah



INTERESTED?

20 SPOTS AVAILABLE SUBMIT YOUR SCHOOL TODAY!
(APPLICATION REQUIRED)

APPLY HERE

OR VISIT: bit.ly/a-team-2024

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOV 3RD

Expect to hear back from us by Nov 10th

QUESTIONS?

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