Empowering YOUTH to be lifelong CHANGEMAKERS!
Up with People empowers YOUTH to lead CHANGE in the WORLD through PERFORMING ARTS, DIALOGUE, WORLDWIDE TRAVEL
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Mission
We empower youth to be changemakers and to lead conversations, communities, and collective action on global challenges.

Values
Our values guide our programs, partnerships, and communities worldwide.

- Integrity
- Respect
- Accountability
- Compassion
- Connectivity
- Collaboration

Vision
We envision an inclusive and sustainable world where people are equal in dignity and rights.
In 2020, we pivoted to online musical sessions and dialogues on inclusion, equity, peace & social justice.

In 2021, we piloted “Changemaker UWP” in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

In 2022, we premiered “Un Ritmo en Común” in Mexico.

In 2023 “VOICES by UWP” launches in July, to empower youth through values-based leadership, dialogue, performing arts, social service, and cultural exchange.

Presented at Historic events - Olympics, UN General Assembly and multiple Super Bowl halftime shows.

Performed for world-renowned leaders such as Pope John Paul II, Pope Francis I, Presidents of US, Costa Rica, MX, Colombia, Rwanda, Kenya, UK; Royalty from Netherlands, Sweden, UK, Denmark, Japan.

Shows and dialogues with leaders of Fortune 500 corporations worldwide.

Honoring the Legacy

Building the Future

25,000+ shows performed in 70+ countries
Our Evolution

Since inception, UWP has brought 22,000+ youth from 135 countries, engaging over 5 million people from 73 cultural regions with a common message for peace.

- **Up with People** incorporated as a 501(c)(3) international non-profit.
- **WorldSmart** program introduced for college-aged students.
- **Camp Up with People** and **Up with People Jr.** established.
- Commenced **Impact**, a community service program in Kosovo & Nepal.
- **ChangemakerUWP** initiated in Harrisonburg, VA, empowering youth to create positive change in their communities.
- **WorldSmart** program introduced for college-aged students.
- **Xperience** programs held across the Philippines, Rome, Israel, Cuba, Paris, Amsterdam, Scandinavia, promoting cross-cultural understanding through music & service.
- **Virtual** community musical sessions & dialogues on inclusion, equity & justice.
- **Un Ritmo en Común premieres** in Mexico - a cultural exchange program with music, dance & community service.
- **VOICES by UWP** premier tour launches in July.
- **UWP Youth Council** 26 international youth
- **UWP** forms a digital community of 20,000+ global changemakers.
- **Mentorship & Apprentice Program** launched.
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- **500 youth** travel across 7 continents.
- **UWP** becomes the first non-marching band to perform in a Super Bowl halftime show.
- **Affiliate program Common Beat Japan** highlighting cultural exchange & diversity.
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Empowering Communities through Transformative Programs

Building changemakers: Four global citizenship programs for four different age groups. Each program, a stepping stone towards VOICES by UWP, our flagship program.

VOICES by UWP
12 weeks | ages 18 to 24

Our flagship youth development program fosters global citizenship, creative confidence, cultural competency, employability, and social action.
Un Ritmo en común (URC)
13 weeks | ages 15 to 18 | 24 alumni
The program provides a stimulating journey of knowledge and self-discovery through, discourse, volunteering, music, and the arts.

Camp Up with People
3 weeks | ages 13 to 17 | 413 alumni
A life skills program for youth to experience the outdoors, to grow, learn and connect with global youth & local community.

Up with People Jr.
1-3 weeks | ages 8 to 12 | 800+ alumni
A musical day camp to build confidence, creativity, global awareness & leadership skills.
What is VOICES by UWP all about?
VOICES by UWP is a unique program that combines the power of music, arts, dialogue, and community engagement to foster values-based leadership and life skills. Its various components, including mentorship, capstone projects, internships, a community festival, and a global network, aim to create a sustainable impact and empower youth to become effective leaders.

How is the curriculum unique?
VOICES by UWP program offers an experiential global citizenship curriculum with interactive learning experiences that help youth develop skills and knowledge to become effective leaders and positive changemakers in their communities and beyond. From cultural competency discussions to hands-on social action projects, the program equips participants with 21st century skills essential for success in tomorrow’s world.

Why music and the arts?
VOICES by UWP program culminates in each city with a vibrant community festival and a show, enabling participants to exhibit their work, promote community action, and inspire change through an UWP musical performance.
Our model builds trusted community partners, investors, donors and sponsors, to join us in our mission. But that’s not all, the moral and fiscal support of our 22,000+ alumni around the world is also crucial for our future success. Our campaign and events are designed to engage all partners and ensure their unwavering support both now and for the future.

**Voice 4 Voice Campaign**
Monthly recurring donations by the UWP community to support and expand our global impact.

**The Leaders Circle**
- Presidents’ Circle: cumulative donations over $25,000
- Platinum Circle: cumulative donations over $5,000
- Global Leaders Circle: annual donations over $1,200

**Up with People Gala**
Annual celebration recognizing successes and building future support for UWP.

**Voices Rising**
Friends raising dinners to present UWP to community leaders across the globe.
Our goal is to create a global movement of changemakers for a better world, expand the reach of our programs, strengthen our advocacy and build a strong network of investors, donors, sponsors, and community partners.

Together, with the support of our partners and 22,000+ alumni, we will take collective action on global challenges for sustainable impact in the communities we reach.

**Expanding our Reach**

We plan to expand our reach from one VOICES by UWP program in 2023 to four programs in 2024 & 2025, each year; and three UWP Junior, Camp and URC programs.

**Amplifying your Contribution**

Our innovative program models amplify every financial contribution nine times.

**Scaling our Impact**

Our program participants’ voice multiplies our reach in the digital community, 400 times. By 2025 our 450+ participants will grow to a digital community of 180,000+.
We establish Partnerships based on trust, communication, shared values, and mutual respect. Our Partners enable us to:

- Connect Youth to Youth & UWP to community and cultures
- Network with global experts and access best practices
- Secure local resources with community involvement
- Allow exchange of ideas, cultures and experiences
- Ensure security and deeper understanding by leveraging partners community knowledge
- Build awareness and reputation for UWP and our common goal
- Establish relationships for ongoing engagement with local communities
- Expand the reach of programs
- Multiply the impact and success for our desired outcomes
- Strengthen our advocacy voice for a better world
- Build a collective community towards a shared goal
- Promote operational efficiency, cost savings, more dollars to our purpose

Connections and Relationships

UWP Music | Social Media | Dynamic Website | Podcasts & Fireside Chats
Digital Community Platform | E-learning Resources | Mentorship Program | Internship Program
Apprentice Program | Skill Up

Our Partners

[Logos of various partners]
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