



# The Network for Peace through Dialogue 2010 Youth Dialogue Conference

## Teachers and Teens: Understand What They Mean

Over the last few years, The Leadership Institute has examined issues that teens face. These issues include sex, drugs, violence, racism, school, and poverty. They have also examined the gap in communication between young people and adults in their communities about these issues.

To address how youth and adults can communicate with each other in a positive way, the Leadership Institute has led workshops to help them build skills in dialogue. These skills can be used at home, in the workplace, and very importantly, in school! Below are 5 techniques that we hope will help result in a successful dialogue between students and teachers.

1. **Respect:** Showing the same consideration you would want provided to you.
2. **Honesty:** Being open and truthful with each other
3. **Involvement:** Being active and not just standing in the background.
4. **Listening:** Listening to the person without giving feedback right away.
5. **Understanding:** Understanding the situation and taking it for what it is.

### QUESTIONS:

Which technique do you think is the most important? Why?

What is easy and/or difficult dialoging with someone who is your student, or your teacher?

What other places/topics can we use these techniques in order to promote peace?

What other techniques can we use to help with dialogue?