Training Course on Student Voice and Agency in School Governance

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Educational Leadership and Management	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the concept of student voice and its impact on school culture.
2. Explore youth agency as a driver of school improvement.
3. Identify models for student participation in decision-making.
4. Build frameworks for student-led school governance.
5. Develop inclusive leadership strategies for student engagement.
6. Learn how to facilitate student advisory councils and forums.
7. Examine education equity through student voice integration.
8. Analyze the role of student activism in school policy change.
9. Promote student-centered learning environments through governance.
10. Apply project-based learning principles to governance tasks.
11. Integrate digital tools for student feedback and participation.
12. Evaluate real-world case studies of student governance models.
13. Measure the impact of student voice on academic and behavioral outcomes.

Target Audiences

1. School principals and administrators
2. Curriculum designers and instructional leaders
3. Teachers and classroom educators
4. School board members
5. Policy makers in education
6. Student affairs coordinators
7. Education consultants and NGO workers
8. High school and university students in leadership roles

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Student Voice in Education

- Define student voice and agency
- Historical evolution of student roles in governance
- Benefits of engaging student perspectives
- Equity and inclusivity in amplifying youth voice
- Challenges and barriers in traditional structures
- **Case Study: Finland's National Student Councils in Action**

Module 2: Models of Student Participation in Governance

- Hart’s Ladder of Participation
- Student councils vs. student governments
- Co-designing school policies with students
- Shared leadership frameworks
- The balance of power: adultism vs. partnership
- **Case Study: Democratic Schools in the Netherlands**

Module 3: Building Leadership Skills in Students

- Identifying leadership potential
- Critical thinking and problem-solving workshops
- Public speaking and communication training
- Peer mentoring systems
- Empowerment through responsibility
- **Case Study: Rwanda’s Girls’ Leadership Forum in Schools**

Module 4: Digital Tools for Amplifying Student Voice

- Use of online surveys and feedback platforms
- Social media as advocacy tools
- Collaborative platforms for policy drafting
- Student journalism and blogging
- Gamification of governance participation
- **Case Study: New Zealand's Use of Padlet in Student Forums**

Module 5: Inclusive Practices for Marginalized Student Groups

- Addressing the needs of students with disabilities
- Gender inclusivity in leadership
- Ethnic and linguistic diversity in participation
- Culturally responsive communication methods
- Trauma-informed engagement
- **Case Study: Canada’s Indigenous Youth Governance Circles**

Module 6: Engaging Adult Allies and Staff Support

- Training teachers in youth-adult partnership models
- Role of school counselors in leadership development
- Creating a school culture of listening
- Professional development on shared leadership
- Evaluating adult biases and mindset shifts
- **Case Study: Teacher-Student Partnership Program in Australia**

Module 7: Measuring Impact and Sustainability

- Developing key performance indicators
- Tracking behavioral and academic improvements
- Feedback loops and action plans
- Student-led evaluation tools
- Institutionalizing voice practices into policy
- **Case Study: School Climate Impact Reports in Colorado, USA**

Module 8: Capstone Project: Designing a Student Governance Model

- Identify a school governance challenge
- Collaborate with a student team to propose solutions
- Create a governance action plan
- Develop digital/visual presentations
- Pitch ideas to a panel of educators
- **Case Study: “Student Voice Week” from London’s Camden Schools**

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and expert talks

- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions
- Hands-on digital tool demonstrations
- Real-world case study analysis
- Collaborative project-based assignments
- Reflective journaling and peer review

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training CenterANCY LD account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500

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