

# Initiatives and Resources Engaging Youth with Learning Differences



Please find or add your organisation's name and enter any

- **initiatives** that engage youth that we could partner with and support, as well as
- **existing resources** that you know of or currently use.

Please also enter any identified **resource gaps** in the section at the bottom (including changes to existing resources, or resources that don't exist that you'd like to see).

Thank you!

## Initiatives

### TakingITGlobal

- **Sprout Ideas Camp**: Held at the Inclusive Design Institute in partnership with OCAD and IRDC, the camp supports students in developing design thinking, technology and social entrepreneurship skills. The camps were held with funding from the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, and were free for youth participants to ensure no financial barriers to participation. We have also held camps in Arviat, Nunavut, Fort Frances, Ontario, and Thunder Bay, Ontario to reach Indigenous youth, and are keen to explore how the SJRC outputs can link with our camp curriculum and offerings in the future.

### Organisations in Africa (incl. Africa Youth with Disabilities Network)

[List of Youth Organisations - Africa.xlsx](#)

### Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM)

### Fundación Karisma (Karisma)

### Fundación Universitaria Tecnológico Comfenalco

### Hive Learning

### Open IDEO Mexico

### Equality Trust UK

### SmartLab

# Resources

## TakingITGlobal

Linking to the first priority of *guiding youth on their own learning journeys*, one specific program we'd love to revitalize through this support would be our

- Sprout Self course <http://sprout.tigweb.org/self/> - This was designed as a self-paced set of activities that help develop leadership skills through modules of "Leading Self", "Leading Others", and "Leading Community". We'd love to infuse some content into the course on inclusive design and then release the activities openly for others to adapt and build on.

Other resources and initiatives we have to contribute and link with include:

- Our Guides to Action, all released in Creative Commons and translated into several languages, supporting youth social action (perhaps we create a new guide with a specific inclusive design focus, or revise our main guide with some ID resources) <http://www.tigweb.org/guide/>
- Our Youth Movements platform, recently updated around the SDGs, which helps to capture and showcase youth-led or youth-serving projects and initiatives with links to the SDGs: <http://globalgoals.youthmovements.org>
- Connected North, working now in 12 remote Canadian communities to help improve educational engagement and outcomes for mostly Indigenous youth. We're bringing our Sprout leadership camp to all three territories this summer which could be an opportunity to beta test some resources or activities (though it may be too soon)

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## Resource Gaps

- Sprout Self Courses (TakingITGlobal)
  - Include content/activities into the course on inclusive design
  - Release activities openly for others to adapt and build on
- Guides to Action (TakingITGlobal)
  - Create a new guide with inclusive design focus?
  - Revise main guide with inclusive design resources?