

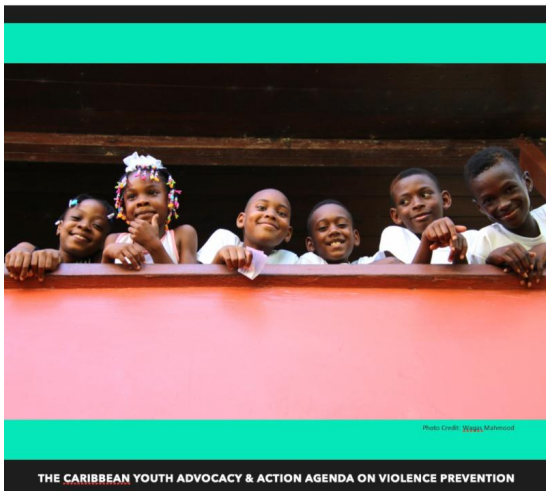


Changing the World in 2019



We've been busy in the new year! We're working on several DC-based projects and have already traveled to Guyana for a Youth Violence Prevention Summit, Uganda to wrap-up our five-year Feed the Future advocacy engagement, and Albania to lead strategic planning with their new High Judicial Council. We've also confirmed new projects focused on digital transformation, migrant youth, and the structural transformation of a global network of peace and justice organizations.

CREATING A CULTURE OF PEACE



Late last year, USAID's Caribbean Community, Family, and Youth Resilience (CFYR) Project and CARICOM convened the "Caribbean LYNCS" to lead a series of interactive, virtual learning sessions on



Common Ground is grateful to have had the opportunity to facilitate several retreats and events with Peace Corps over the past couple of years. The work of their volunteers around the world is nothing short of inspiring and we're proud to be able to work with the team supporting those incredible, hard-working individuals and their amazing work.

"Craig facilitated a pivotal two-day retreat for our office in the wake of a re-organization and significant cuts to staffing and budget. He agreed to work with us on short notice, just a few weeks out from the event, when our original facilitator unexpectedly had to cancel, but you would

regional innovations and promising practices in youth-centered violence and crime prevention.

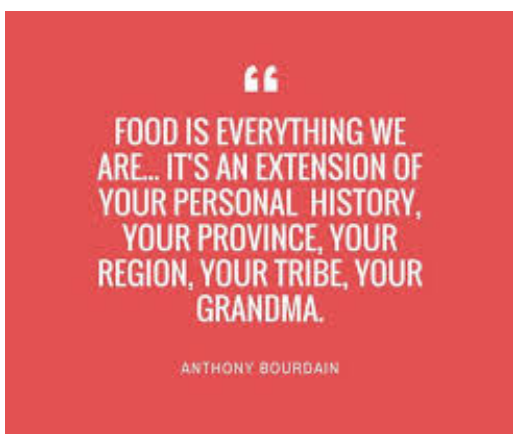
Common Ground was contracted to facilitate those interactive sessions and engage with young people from across the region to develop **The Caribbean Youth Advocacy and Action Agenda on Violence Prevention (The AAA)**.

Over the coming months, we will also be profiling some of the region's best youth violence prevention programs, as well as turning The AAA into a complete Advocacy Toolkit for use by youth organizations, community-level youth-serving groups, individual youth activists, and government officials.



Click on the photo above to download the latest draft of the The AAA, which we released as part of the inspiring **#CaribYouthSummit2019** in Guyana in January! Policy makers, development partners, and youth from 21 countries convened to address crime and violence and endorse the Advocacy & Action Agenda drafted by Common Ground.

[Click here to watch the video slide show we produced for the end of the summit.](#)



never have known it. In a very short time, Craig worked with staff to understand where we were and where we needed to go, and crafted a retreat agenda that was appropriately calibrated to process what we had been through, build trust and make thoughtful decisions about how to move forward ... Craig's respectful, empathetic and challenging facilitation laid the groundwork for us to confidently continue on our own. It was truly a turning point in the change management for our office when we went from feeling resentful and anxious to being energized, positive and forward-looking."

Stephanie Rust, Director of Overseas Programming and Training Support (OPATS), Peace Corps

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[The LGBTQ Supplement to the Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring](#)



LGBTQ SUPPLEMENT

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January 2019



We are very proud to have served as a part of the working group of practitioners, researchers, and advocates in the LGBTQ youth services space who contributed to the development of this important new resource. The *LGBTQ Supplement to the Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring* offers youth mentoring programs a research-informed and practitioner-approved set of recommendations to make their mentoring programs more welcoming and inclusive for LGBTQ youth, mentors, and other stakeholders. We are confident that this resource will empower program leaders, staff, and volunteers to make important program improvements so that the power of mentoring can reach more youth through safe, supportive, and meaningful relationships.

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Our Work in Uganda



19 Trips

to Uganda for
EEA since 2014

331 Days

meeting more than 80
advocacy and capacity
building deliverables

150+ Days

of training on 19
management and
leadership topics

50+

high-trust relationships with
Government of Uganda
representatives & high impact
agricultural PSOs & CSOs



Working through USAID's Feed the Future to support Uganda's agricultural sector!



LEAD UG was designed by Common Ground

For the past five years, Common Ground has been working in Uganda on behalf of USAID's Feed the Future Enabling Environment for Agriculture Activity (EEA)—a program designed to strengthen agricultural development, trade, and adaptation to climate change. Over the years, our work has evolved and deepened in ways we never imagined. Asked initially to provide advocacy training and partner assessments, over time we've been provided with a tremendous amount of autonomy to engage with the EEA team on the development of new initiatives, creative problem-solving, and pushing local partners—including government officials—to

and USAID's Feed the Future Uganda to spark explosive growth in the agricultural sector and solve deeply entrenched sector-wide problems. Common Ground and Rana Labs produced this video to explore the current state of Uganda's agricultural sector.

take a critical look at the decisions they're making while embracing a forward-thinking, change-oriented agenda.

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