

Empowered youth who use music to make strong positive change in their lives, their communities, and the world.

What is Zumix & What did we do?

- After-school music and arts program that helps students develop their creative and community-building skills
- Founded in 1993 in response to increasing youth violence
- Youth empowerment: giving kids skills to be positive forces within their communities
- Our jobs: help design and facilitate the new How to Band course

Our Projects!

Logo: Each youth member of the program designed their own logo, and we combined all of the ideas into one!

Merch: We screen printed these logos onto T shirts to sell as merch





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Email Reach Outs: For business training, we learned how to send a professional email and the youth sent them out themselves

Press Kits: We showed students examples of artist bios, one sheets, & press releases and then had them make their own custom one-sheets

Our Own Management Group!: We brainstormed and voted on our very own management company name.

What worked?

- Kids asked a lot of questions
- Curriculum covered a lot of ground: management, booking, budgeting, emails, etc.
- Lots of different musical tastes represented: hip-hop, pop, rock, electronic
- Designed logo, t-shirts for Street Team



What didn't work?

- A lot of people lef (started with 6-7, ending with 2)
- Too many icebreakers/games: works for performance-based programs but not with business curriculums
- Agenda often figured out day-of
- Age range was too wide (12-17 years old)
- Never went too in-depth into topics, students would have questions that wouldn't get addressed due to time
- Never met/interacted with Street Team despite helping plan their tour

How can we improve the program?

- More focused/fleshed-out agenda
- Better communication about daily schedules
- Less games, more substance
- Limit age range to high school or run two seperate classes
- Promote class among Zumix community so it has a better turnout
- Give kids more time to address their questions, ask what they want to learn about
- Establish better rapport with Street Team