

The challenge

The global pandemic revealed to many of us, the limits of our own resilience and mental health, and in speaking with parents, educators, and young people, there is shared concern for young people and their feelings of isolation and anxiety about the future.

The sense of disconnect felt by young people as a result of the pandemic and the remote learning environment it created, means young people are increasingly searching for belonging in unregulated and often unsafe online spaces, which if left unchecked, provide fertile ground for division and manipulation.

The need to activate human responsibility, responsibility towards others, lies at the heart of all these challenges. The world does not promote a profound and stable sense of human responsibility in young people. There is a need for more community-minded people who value inclusion, treat others fairly, who are inquisitive and respect other people's opinions, who feel empathy and are willing to help those in need.

The solution

High Resolves provides immersive and engaging workshops in secondary schools, **teaching students critical life skills in independent thinking, resilience, cohesive contribution to society and community, an ability to distinguish manipulation from truth, and a sense of developing a better, more responsible self.**

High Resolves work with young people to develop their own sense of responsibility and capability in contributing to resolving globally shared challenges, **reaching 100,000 high school students each year.** In 2020 and 2021, High Resolves have worked with both students and teachers to tackle challenging conversations around gender, race and discrimination. Like all education settings, the work of High Resolves was deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Unable to work in many school settings, High Resolves were able to **partner with OpenLearning to develop online versions of our curriculum and workshops**, as well as myriad compact teaching resources to enable teachers to deliver values and citizenship education, embedded in other curriculum goals. The digitalization enabled High Resolves to scale globally and in geographical areas that were not accessible via in-person workshops.

The learning impact outcomes

The partnership between High Resolves and OpenLearning has

sparked the ability to bring groups of young people together from around the globe to learn, connect and grow together. As international exchange and study abroad have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the online programs have **enabled international exchanges between young people to discuss and debate universal ideas with young people from different countries, cultures, and backgrounds.** For example, High Resolves partnered with Schmidt Futures and their RISE program to deliver the OpenLearning courses to over 90 young people from 26 countries in real-time.

The average NPS received from the OpenLearning courses was 90. This is a testament to the powerful capability of the OpenLearning platform enabling the **peer-to-peer interaction about the content and resonance with young people from a variety of language backgrounds communicating and discussing with each other** in the most organic and engaging learning forms. The immersive online program has become very popular with educational providers around the globe in fostering intercultural knowledge and understanding through collaborative, online learning experiences.

The return on investment

High Resolves have a profound impact on young people through our work. Every day, High Resolves **cultivate their innate sense of human responsibility and boost their wellbeing and resilience.** By participating in our deeply engaging experiences, they learn to look at themselves, and others, and to make conscious choices about whether to act in their own self-interest, or a longer-term interest of a broader collective of people.

Our programs have a high degree of flexibility and have been adapted into different languages and diverse social settings around the world.

Our strategic intent for the next five years builds on the foundations that have built over the last 15 years. Together with our partners, High Resolves will help **millions of young people (and adults) discover a deeper sense of belonging and cultivate their sense of human responsibility.**



"I have never learned this method with an online course before, and I can see this as a new way to work. I love how I am more aware about social issues and I can make the world much better with justice, identity, purpose and ethical behaviours and actions." **Student, RISE Program**