Examples of Youth-Led Organizing
Young Muslim Collective

The YMC is a youth-led grassroots organization that seeks to create racial and change through education and action in the Twin Cities. The YMC’s campaigns have targeted the surveillance of Muslim youth in schools and society.
YouthPower! is a youth-led program that builds the leadership and power of low-income Desi youth in NYC to win educational and immigrant justice. Through political education and campaign skills development, YouthPower seeks to build a new generation of working-class community leaders, run campaigns led by youth to change public policies that impact their own lives, and build alliances with youth of color across the city and nationally for power.

Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM) YouthPower!
"Since student leaders launched VOYCE in 2007, our vision for change has been driven by the belief that those most affected by educational inequities – the students themselves – hold the solutions to creating a high-quality education system. Using innovative, youth-led research, an equity lens and action, VOYCE brings students together from across the city to push for systemic changes that ensure every Chicago student has access to an excellent education."

This has included passing the landmark Senate Bill 100 which seeks to rein in the harsh disciplining of Chicago students.
Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD), Black Youth Project 100 (BYP 100), and Mijente have been leading a local campaign urging the city of Chicago expand what it means to be a “Sanctuary City” to protect immigrants and US born people of color, particularly those who are targeted by local police. Exposing and eliminating the gang database has jumped to the top of the agenda this week after it became clear that Mr. Catalan-Ramirez’s targeting by ICE was in part a responsibility of the Chicago police.
Students at Roosevelt High School created a website that identified:

- **What’s wrong** with their school lunches provided by a new company, Aramark, rather than Chicago Public Schools chefs
- **Their position** on school lunches, emphasizing that their food is neither tasty nor delicious
- **Alternative options**, like off-campus lunch, a snack kiosk, and general changes to the school lunch program like offering juice or water, improving the quality of food, and providing dessert
The #NoCopAcademy campaign is a youth-led effort supported by community organizations across Chicago, that want to see $95 million invested in our communities rather than police training grounds. This has included canvassing, hosting teach-ins, conducting research, holding press conferences, creating Twitter campaigns, marching in the streets, participating in city council meetings, and writing reports, among many other actions.