



# Leap Hubs

An Initiative of Global Peace Education

## What is a Leap Hub?

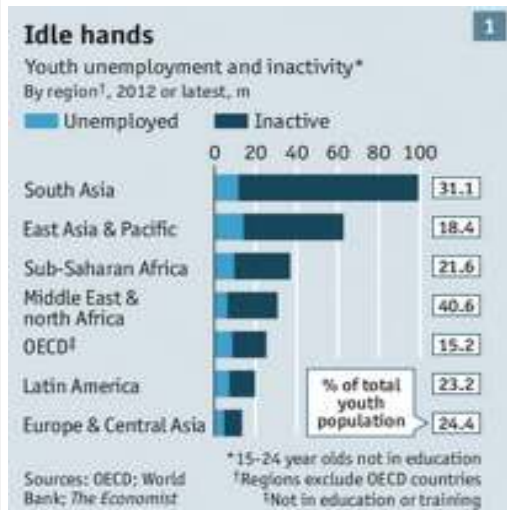
A Leap Hub provides the guidance and space in secondary schools for highly motivated students to explore ideas and learn what it takes to be a business or social entrepreneur. Separate from regular school curricula, small groups of exceptional youth build leadership and entrepreneurship competencies through a student-driven, twenty-first century education model.

## The Opportunity

Approximately 300 million youth worldwide are looking for work<sup>2</sup>. Leap Hubs is a youth entrepreneurship and leadership initiative that strives to lower this number by empowering students to recognize an unmet needs in their communities and transform them into opportunities.



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Youth unemployment and inactivity by region



## How it works

A Leap Hub is a dedicated after-school program within a school that serves to create business and social enterprise ideas developed by secondary-school youth. Highly motivated students are empowered to begin envisioning themselves as job creators and employers within a business or social enterprise they will develop beyond graduation. Students are given access to the internet as well as the opportunity to use online tools that help them grow their enterprises and business ideas. They are guided throughout the entire entrepreneurial process from identifying a need in the marketplace, creating a vision and mission statement, developing a business model, and branding to help convince investors to get involved with their project. Additionally, participating students are exposed to mentorship opportunities as well as lessons on business planning and financial literacy.

## Where are Leap Hubs?

2015-pilot year: Leap Hub programs are in various development stages in Kenya secondary schools:

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| 1. Alliance         | 13. Ngara          |
| 2. Kenya            | 14. Ngiya          |
| 3. Moi Forces       | 15. Lugulu         |
| 4. Mangu            | 16. Tala           |
| 5. Embakasi         | 17. Moi Girls      |
| 6. Kariobangi North | 18. Ilbisil        |
| 7. Mary Leakey      | 19. Misyiani       |
| 8. Maina Wanjigi    | 20. Chania         |
| 9. Machakos         | 21. Compuerra      |
| 10. Kamiti          | 22. Mount Carmel   |
| 11. St Anne's       | 23. St. Francis    |
| 12. Buruburu        | 24. Nairobi Muslim |



## Our Results

Leap Hubs was in testing phase in Kenya in 2014 and now being piloted in 2015. It has gained the support of partners with laptops, internet connectivity, trainings in innovation and technology, access to sponsored events and opportunities for students to pitch business and social enterprise ideas in readiness for financing.

## Partners



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<sup>1</sup> The Economist, Print Edition, April 27, 2013 "Youth Unemployment: Generation Jobless"