



About me

- Hometown: Wheeling, WV
- Founded Open Field, 2010
- Named one of Pittsburgh Magazine's 40 under 40, 2018
- Union of African Communities
 SWPA Humanitarian Award, 2019
- Fun Fact: Traveled to Cameroon, Africa 14 times in the last 15 years!

About Open Field

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Mission: To improve the lives and futures of youth through sport. Sport-based youth development

4,000+ youth engaged over the last 10 years 1,000 youth currently participating in Cameroon, Africa / Pittsburgh, PA



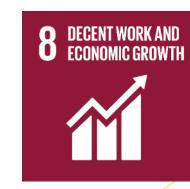
Alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals



5 Gender Equality

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Our Approach

Youth-led, community-based soccer activities that provide



Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_ZbHHUCmXU&t

Pittsburgh Sessions

- Consistency (structure)
- Positive relationships / Coach Mentors from community
- Youth leading stretching / exercises
- Learning activities
- Fun / soccer
- Snacks 🙂

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2019-20 Pittsburgh Program Highlights

- 150 youth participants
- 9 part-time summer jobs
- 25 coach mentors
- ▶ 62 in-person sessions in Summer/Fall 2020
- 61 virtual soccer + life skills sessions in Summer/Fall 2020

Pittsburgh Partners

- ARYSE Alliance for Refugee Youth
 Support and Exchange
- JFCS Jewish Family Community
 Services
- Somali Bantu Community Association of Pittsburgh
- Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh
- Casa San Jose
- Pittsburgh Public Schools



Outcomes

- **100%** of youth said the program helped them to feel healthy
- 94% of youth feel that they belong at the program
- 85% of youth made friends with someone they did not know before
- 94% of youth feel that the coach mentors are here to help them
- 97% of youth increased their confidence in themselves





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