

Global Youth Mentor Program

Plastic Tides Online Code of Conduct

As a participant of the Global Youth Mentor Program (“GYM Program”), you will be using many different online tools including, but not limited to, Canvas/BigBlueButton, Toggl, Facebook, Instagram, Email, and virtual communication technologies, such as BigBlueButton and / or Google Meet (“Online Tools”). **All communication between the GYM Mentors and the Youth Leaders should be conducted exclusively through the Canvas application and the GYM Program dedicated Facebook group.**

You agree that you have read and will follow these rules and guidelines while participating in the GYM Program. Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with these important guidelines. If you have questions, please email Plastic Tides’ GYM Program Manager at gym@plasticides.org.

Prohibited Uses and Activities for Online Tools

As a GYM Program participant, you agree to not knowingly access, upload, download, store, display, distribute or publish any information using the Online Tools or otherwise in your capacity as a GYM participant that:

- is illegal or that advocates illegal acts or facilitates unlawful activity;
- threatens or intimidates any person or suggests violence, hatred or discrimination toward other people;
- uses inappropriate and/or abusive language or conduct;
- contains inappropriate religious or political messages;
- violates or infringes or may violate or infringe the rights of any other person according to or applicable law or as determined by Plastic Tides;
- is racially, culturally or religiously offensive;
- encourages the use of controlled substances, participation in an illegal act or uses the Online Tools to incite criminal actions;
- is of a defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, pornographic or sexually explicit nature;
- contains personal information, images, or signatures of individuals without their prior informed consent;
- constitutes messages of sexual harassment or which contains inappropriate romantic overtones;
- solicits any users on behalf of any business or commercial organization without appropriate authorization;
- supports bulk mail, junk mail or “spamming”;
- propagates chain letters, or other e-mail debris;
- attempts to hide, disguise or misrepresent the identity of the sender.

All GYM Participants agree that they will not do the following:

- Take the ideas, writings or images of others and present them as if they were yours. The use of copyright materials without permission can result in legal action;
- Copy, download, install or run viruses or other inappropriate or unauthorized materials such as games, files, scripts, fonts, or dynamic link libraries (DLL’s) from any source;

- Cause damage to any computer(s) and/or equipment that do not belong to you;
- Damage or erase files or information belonging to any person without authorization.
- Use any other person's account on the Online Tools;
- Cause any user to lose access to the Online Tools (for example, by disabling accounts or changing passwords without authorization);
- Compromise themselves or others by unauthorized copying of information, work or software belonging to others, encouraging others to abuse the computers or network, displaying, transferring or sharing inappropriate materials. Software pirating and unauthorized copying of material belonging to others is regarded as theft;
- Copy, transfer or use files, programs or any other information belonging to the Online Tools for any reason whatever unless you license specifically permits such actions; and
- Attempt to subvert the Online Tools networks by breaching security measures, hacking accessing records without authorization or any other type of disruption;

Personal Safety Rules

- Never reveal information about your personal identity (such as your name, address, phone number, age, physical description or school) to strangers on-line. Likewise, do not reveal such information in a public on-line forum where you do not know everyone who might see the information.
- Never reveal personal information on-line about someone else unless you have their prior permission and you know the information will not be used for harmful purposes.
- Never reveal your access passwords or that of anyone else.
- Never send a picture of yourself, another person or a group over an electronic network without prior informed permission of all the individuals involved and, in the case of minors, their parents or guardians.
- Report immediately to Plastic Tides' GYM Program Manager if any message or request that you receive through the Online Tools bothers you or that suggests personal contact with you.
- Never publish the specific dates, times and locations about your whereabouts to people who are not directly entitled to such information or to public forums where unknown persons have access to the information.

Consequences of inappropriate use of the Online Tools by a GYM participant may result in your immediate removal from the GYM Program and disciplinary action that may include legal action and/or involvement of police.

Be Safe, Be Polite, Be Courteous, Be Appropriate, and Be Legal.