

The Brotherhood



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# THE TORCHBEARER TRAINING

Developing a Rites of Passage Program

*A four day course for educators*

August 6 – August 9, 2018

9:30am – 5:00pm

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**"I think this training provides so much from resources, to actual practice of the rituals, to talking about how to lead the sessions. We experienced what the youth experience, which makes it less daunting to implement."**

**- Participant from August 2017**

"Immense growth, knowledge, different perspectives, new ideas, great literature, handouts, space to express yourself and openly share feelings and emotions... I have been truly inspired. I feel I have discovered and acknowledge my calling even further through this training."

August 2017 Participant

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Developed over the course of 20 years, The Brotherhood/Sister Sol Rites of Passage Program is recognized nationally and internationally as one of the leading models of holistic youth development.

The Torchbearer Training offers community and school educators an intensive Rites of Passage experience through which they develop a clear understanding of the philosophical foundation, framework and program elements that comprise our unique Rites of Passage Program.

The objective of this training is to prepare educators to develop and lead a Rites of Passage Program based on The Brotherhood/Sister Sol model. Workshops and activities in this training have been developed to provide participants with the knowledge and experience necessary to understand the model and achieve successful implementation.

The training is coordinated by Jason Warwin, Co-Founder of The Brotherhood/Sister Sol, and co-facilitated by senior staff. It has been designed to draw on the participants' experiences and to build on their current knowledge, while providing opportunities for the development of new insights and skills.

**LOCATION:** Broadway Housing Communities, Rio Gallery and Rooftop Space  
583 Riverside Drive, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10031

**COST:** \$950 per person. \$1,800 per pair. \*\*Includes daily breakfast and lunch; 2 curriculum books & 2 writing collections; 4 hours of individualized consulting\*\*

Scholarships available - contact us for more information

**MORE INFORMATION:** Registration and payment; Torchbearer Summary  
**CONTACT US:** Email [LVLM@brotherhood-sistersol.org](mailto:LVLM@brotherhood-sistersol.org) or call 212-283-7044.

Maximum 20 participants. Register today!



## The Torchbearer Training Summary

Unit	Summary	Participants will...
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Each LVLM participant brings their unique experience to the training. During this unit we will explore each others perspectives on youth development work and learn about the history and structure of The Brotherhood-Sister Sol (Bro/Sis).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Share backgrounds and reflect on their educational experience</i></li> <li>• <i>Review Bro/Sis history and programs</i></li> <li>• <i>Review the various Units of the Training</i></li> </ul>
<b>What is a Bro/Sis Chapter Leader?</b>	Combining the roles of teacher, facilitator, mentor, older sibling and at times parent, Bro/Sis staff serve the diverse and holistic needs of our members. During this Unit we will explore the various responsibilities of group leaders within our Rites of Passage model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Examine the Bro/Sis approach to youth development</i></li> <li>• <i>Learn strategies for developing staff partnerships</i></li> <li>• <i>Hear from staff, members and Alumni regarding best practices</i></li> <li>• <i>Review critical resources necessary for success</i></li> </ul>
<b>Developing a Brotherhood or Sisterhood</b>	The essence of our model is the formation of peer support groups, through which we provide support, guidance, resources and love. During this Unit we will explore the various structural components required for creating and maintaining a Brotherhood or Sisterhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Explore best methods for recruiting</i></li> <li>• <i>Learn bonding activities</i></li> <li>• <i>Review program developmental phases</i></li> <li>• <i>Gain tips on sustaining group dynamics</i></li> <li>• <i>Learn how to support youth in define their own ideology</i></li> <li>• <i>Learn the Bro/Sis 4-6 year youth development model</i></li> </ul>
<b>Workshop Development</b>	Bro/Sis utilizes a “living curriculum” informed by our 10 Focus Issues. During this Unit we will demonstrate how to utilize our curriculum and how to develop engaging, culturally relevant workshops that support members’ social and emotional development, critical thinking skills and academic achievement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Learn the key elements of workshop development</i></li> <li>• <i>Learn how to utilize the Bro/Sis curriculum</i></li> <li>• <i>Learn methods for developing youth writing and reflection</i></li> <li>• <i>Establish tools for creating holistic, culturally relevant &amp; challenging curriculum</i></li> <li>• <i>Examine the Bro/Sis “Focus Issues” critical to our pedagogy</i></li> </ul>
<b>Reflection &amp; Closing</b>	Together we will review what we have experienced during the training, and prepare for project implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Develop a plan of action</i></li> <li>• <i>Engage in a Closing Ceremony</i></li> <li>• <i>Evaluate the training</i></li> </ul>