Information and Data Equity in Homewood

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Project Overview

HYPE (Homewood Youth Powered and Engaged) Media is a critical media literacies out-of-school time program that centers the voices of Black girls from Westinghouse Academy in the neighborhood of Homewood, Pittsburgh.

The Information and Data Equity project seeks to co-create inclusive narratives online. Recognizing that Black people have the expertise to write about Black spaces, and that Black female editors are severely underrepresented on Wikipedia, facilitators and participants are working together to change the perception of Westinghouse Academy by editing Wikipedia. They are:

- Learning about racial and gender representation on Wikipedia
- Finding secondary sources
- Practicing synthesizing information
- Revising the Westinghouse High School Wikipedia page

Impact

- 8 new registered Wikipedia editors
- Meaningful use of the Homewood CEC
- Increased collaboration between faculty at Pitt, community partners, and Westinghouse High School administrators and students
- Increase diverse perspectives on Wikipedia
- Increase visibility of Westinghouse online and change perception of the school

DEI Values

- Centering the voices, abilities, and knowledge of Black girls from Westinghouse high school contributes to increased representation of marginalized groups in hyper-visible information-finding platforms like Wikipedia.

Further Reading