**Teaching Leadership at a Young Age**

**Introduction:**

What is Leadership? Leadership is a skill that can be developed naturally as well as through appropriate interventions in which the society, teachers, parents etc. play an important role in the development of young leaders for a country. Young Leaders are our future and our strength. A country is just as strong as its leaders; they provide strength to their country by setting an example to which every citizen can try to stand up. Teaching our youth, the meaning of leadership provides them a path to lead the world to a greater end.

**World Leaders:**

There are many inspiring examples in the world of youth leading the way to a better tomorrow.

**Basima Abdulrehman** is an Iraqi who is a structural engineer and a young leader, passionate to make the first green building for herself and for her country. Eventually progressing into the world.

**Kwiri Yang**, the CEO of LifeGyde, and a young leader, advices young people and provides them preventive information. She also provides guidance and financial help to medium and small size businesses arising the youth from the grounds like a leader should.

**Pakistani Leaders:**

There are seen many examples in Pakistan as well, such as **Mohsin Mustafa** and **Muhammad Sabir;** the two Pakistani young leaders among 21 Asian young leaders specified by Asia Society in New York.

Mohsin Mustafa made progress in strategy and program development and gave birth to a welfare named as “Amna Foundation”.

Muhammad Sabir is a community worker and the founder of “Slumabad”, a project to provide education to every kid of slum.

**What Makes a Leader?**

A Leader is made through his code of conduct, struggle, ambitions and guiding others. Being a leader is not as easy as it looks. To become a leader, one must take into account his failures, successes and his moral demeanor. A leader can be anyone who imparts a great impact on his people like a teacher, scholar, boss or as a parent.

**Qualities of a Leader:**

**Influence, Communication, Honesty** and **Learning Agility** are core qualities of a leader. But this does not cause a hinderance in his learning abilities. A leader is like a diamond in the world. As cuts to a diamond beautifies the world, the leader enhances the skills and abilities of his countrymen according to his collection of skills and failures through which he learns.

**Influence** is a key aspect in becoming a leader. Young Leaders should set a remarkable example in front of their fellow members so that they know who their leader is and what to expect from him. Influence raises trust and morale of the citizens of the country. To set an example one must pull a great feat himself to show others. Competition at a young age provides the young leaders the opportunity to exceed their limits to set a good example. Competition provided by parents or teachers advances our young leaders by leaps and bounds.

**Communication** helps the youth of the age to hone their negotiation skills. Communication develops self-esteem in our young leaders. It helps them to talk confidently to strangers helping them to develop the traits of a great leader to express his best thoughts and wishes impressively.

Asking questions in class or giving our youth the opportunity to talk to strangers like ordering at restaurant will boost their self-confidence greatly.

**Honesty**, it is easy to develop at a young age provided such an environment is provided to them. A Leader who is transparent and forthcoming is most trust worthy one. Leaders should be able to bold enough to provide a crystal-clear explanation of their ideas and goals to their fellow members. Honesty to your team members provides them a reason to trust you. Thus, giving you a reason to mold them to required needs.

Arranging a team project or game night by teachers or parents provides our youth a chance to practice team management and leadership skills.

**Learning Agility** is a crucial skill of a leader. A leader should always be learning modes so that he can realize his failures and others as well. Analyzing each situation and problem in every aspect is important for a leader’s success. Learning in the field is more fruitful then learning in an inert environment, having a part as failure, learning things that cannot be learnt from successes. It teaches man to rise from ashes.

**“A Hero is no braver than an Ordinary Man, But He is brave Five Minutes longer.”**

A leader should value an optimistic thought and so should our society should reward optimistic ideas. An optimistic thought can be developed by rejecting pessimistic thoughts of society indulged on you and rejecting any other pessimistic ideas.

Decision Making is a very vital aspect in becoming a great leader. Teaching the youth, the art of decisiveness as early as possible is important both in practical life and in leading others. Terrible decisions can be made by leaders at critical times but rising from that misery along with your fellows is the true art of leadership. Tackling each obstacle in every possible way should be the habit of a leader.

A leader is as good as his decisions and the amount of faith his fellows have in him. Providing a situation to young leaders in which they can practice their decision-making skills is essential.

**Importance of a leader:**

A leader is what his country needs. The leader makes the world or you can say the world revolves around the leaders. Teaching our youth, the importance of leadership makes them responsible and decent adults. Leadership skills are important in the course of daily life. With a good and trustworthy leader even, a devastated country can rise from the hearth.

Leadership provides a key role in development of our youth. Not advancing at a young age may cause certain deadly consequences which one can not afford in the youth that is the future builder of a country. Young leaders may lack confidence, self-esteem and decisiveness that can leave our future leaders at the mercy of greater ones. Thus, not only destroying themselves but also their fellows and colleagues. So, one can say the downfall of a leader is the downfall of the whole nation.