In the summer of 2012, three hundred high school youth from Tohoku—the region of Japan devastated by the earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011—participated in the Y-PLAN civic leadership summer studio as part of the 2012 Tomodachi SoftBank Leadership program. Facilitated by Ayusa, the students came to UC Berkeley for a three-week intensive leadership program focused on the Y-PLAN process and pedagogy. The experience offered them the opportunity to deepen their leadership skills motivating them to become agents of change at home.

On July 22 - August 10, 2013, another 100 students from Tohoku will come to Berkeley to learn how to apply the Y-PLAN method toward solving problems related to housing, jobs, transportation, public space and schools. Armed with a new set of skills and consciousness, the students will design creative ideas to address similar issues in Japan engendering a sense of hope, power and vision.

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