#Guide2GenZ: Your Guide to the Youth you Serve

Today's young people, *Generation Z*, are different than any other generation. These 9 - 21 year olds are just starting to define themselves. It's the most diverse generation the world has ever seen; comfortable within the global context and the challenges of working across boundaries. They are "digital natives" who have grown up deeply immersed in the web of technology and inter-connectivity. Research has shown that not only do their brains look different than ours, but they function differently too.

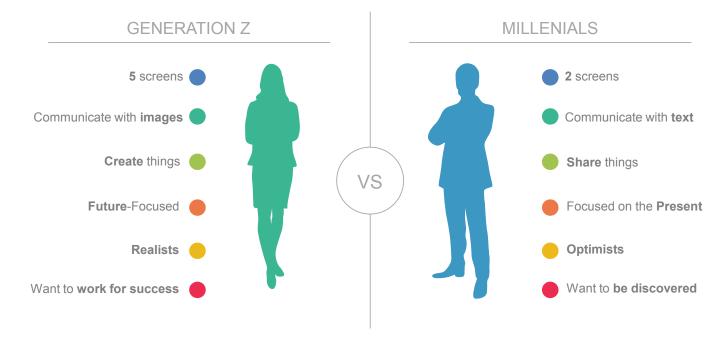
Characteristics of Generation Z

+50%
increase since 2000 in youth identifying as multiracial

Young people born between 1995 - 2015

Do-Gooders
these youth want to
make a difference in the
world

Don't mistake these young people for Millenials. Here's how they are different:



More than **a quarter** of the US population belongs to *Generation Z*

Gen Z (19 & Under)

26%

Millenials (20-37)

25%

Gen X (38-49)

15%

Baby Boomers (50-68)

24%

The "Silent" Generation (69+)

10%



30% watch lessons online.



20% read textbooks on tablets.



30% work with classmates online.



50% use YouTube/Social Media for research assignments.

How do we as professionals #EngageGenZ?

Communicate

Communication with Generation Z should be visual and aimed towards diverse audiences.

Keep it Short

Keep communication/content short. Think "stackable content".

Feed Curiosity

Empower Generation Z by providing them control over choices of preference and settings.



Connect

Connection Generation Z to technology of various types.

Inspire

Generation Z needs to be inspired; reacting best when given social causes to rally behind.

Educate

Generation Z wants to build their expertise.