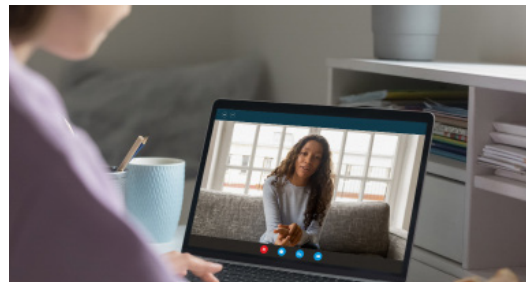
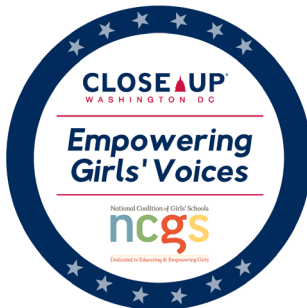


# EMPOWERING GIRLS' VOICES: HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUMMIT 2021

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Now more than ever, young people want to play a pivotal role in developing solutions and addressing inequities in the United States. In June 2021, Close Up and the National Coalition of Girls' Schools will host the first annual *Empowering Girls' Voices: Youth Summit*, a special opportunity for high school students to build the tools and knowledge they need to become catalysts for change in their communities. Over the course of the 5-day Youth Summit, students will network with diverse peers nationwide; deliberate about the barriers to equity in our country; deepen their understanding of existing campaigns for change; and work together to create meaningful solutions.

Over 1,000 students from more than 60 Girls' Schools participated in the *Empowering Girls' Voices* programming this year – the Youth Summit is designed to bring these girls and other highly motivated girls together for an immersive and impactful week. By engaging young people in meaningful civic action, we aim to help students develop empathy for the perspectives of others and build the skills and confidence to empower a generation of changemakers.

### Program Sessions

Each three-hour, synchronous session will be led by Close Up facilitators.

**Session 1 – Creating Community & Building Empathy:** Establish a learning community with young leaders from across the country. Explore current social and political issues and form action committees around shared interests, goals, and visions for the future. *Sample topics include: Economic Inequality & Poverty; School to Prison Pipeline; Voting Rights; and Healthcare & COVID-19.*

**Session 2 – Examining Stories & Campaigns for Change:** Examine various approaches and campaigns for change at the local, state, and national levels. Sample campaigns include:

- School to Prison Pipeline (#CounselorsNotCops): Examine student-led campaigns to remove police from schools and explore different approaches to change.
- Economic Inequality (Fight for 15): Examine the ways in which elected officials, activists, and organized labor reshaped the political debate about the minimum wage and economic equity.

**Session 3 – Comparing Models of Advocacy and Activism:** Share the tactics, strategies, and approaches you learned about with peers who examined different case studies and campaigns. Work together to develop an inventory of actions and strategies that young people can use to make change.

**Session 4 – Pathways for Creating Change:** Work with your committee to develop an action map for individuals and groups who want to create impact in your issue area. Include a thorough analysis of where we are today, a list of organizations and groups already working to promote this vision, and a clear set of recommendations to young people who want to join the effort.

**Session 5 – Advocating and Impacting the Future:** Committees will share their roadmaps and calls to action with the whole summit and invited guests. After presentations, students will reflect on their journey together and identify actions from their own roadmaps that they will commit to taking after the summit.

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Session Dates and Times

**Summer NCGS High School Youth Summit** | Monday, June 21 - Friday, June 25, 2021 from 1:00-4:00pm (EST) / 10:00am-1:00pm (PST)

If you are interested in customized dates, for a program that will include participants from your school only, please reach out to us at [ncgs@closeup.org](mailto:ncgs@closeup.org).

### Eligibility and Cost

The youth summit is intended for girls who attend NCGS schools in grades 9-12 and who have an interest in working with other young women to address barriers to equity in our country.

Students must have completed one-year of high school by the start of the program.

**Cost per student:** \$300

### Registration

Please [register](#) by June 2, 2021 or contact [ncgs@closeup.org](mailto:ncgs@closeup.org) with any questions.

### About Close Up

Established in 1971, [Close Up](#) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education organization dedicated to helping students develop the knowledge and skills they need to become informed, active, and engaged citizens. Close Up's resources and programs offer students a balanced and multipartisan look at controversial issues by using a selection of primary sources drawn from decision-makers and experts on all parts of the political spectrum. Close Up Instructors have over 120 hours of curriculum and methodology training and are experts in facilitating student discussions around controversial issues. Each year, Close Up helps thousands of students and teachers across the nation engage in civil discourse and take informed action in their communities.

### About the National Coalition of Girls' Schools

[NCGS](#) is the leading advocate for girls' schools, connecting and collaborating globally with individuals, schools, and organizations dedicated to educating and empowering girls. NCGS serves across the U.S., Canada, and abroad nearly 260 PK-12 girls' schools (independent, public, charter, religiously affiliated), 26,000 educators, 115,000 students, and over one million alumnae. NCGS supports its member school educators through advocacy, research, professional development, and networking.