During this time of social distancing, it’s more important than ever to help young people connect to the world around them, develop their sense of purpose, and empower them to make an impact in their communities. This summer, the National Network of Schools in Partnership and Close Up Foundation will offer Impact 2020 - a unique and engaging virtual summer program designed to help middle school and high school students develop the skills necessary to pursue a passion, tackle a community need, and form a network with other young leaders from across the country.

Over the course of the program, students will hear inspiring stories from young activists on strategies and models of advocacy and activism; deepen their understanding of the challenges and issues in their communities; cultivate and practice civic leadership skills; work together to create meaningful solutions; and have an opportunity to present their action plans to an exciting guest panel. Together we can help young people today become the future leaders of tomorrow!

Program Highlights Include:

- **Building Community**: Establish a learning community with young leaders from across the country
- **Cultural Understanding**: Engage with diverse perspectives, practice civil dialogue, and expand your worldview
- **Defining Issues**: Form action committees and build a network to tackle pressing issues
- **Storytelling**: Develop compelling stories for inspiring change
- **Building Awareness**: Explore strategies for raising public awareness
- **Coalition Building & Organizing**: Learn how to convince others to join a cause
- **Advocacy & Activism**: Consider strategies and techniques for effective advocacy
- **Develop Action Plans**: Apply activism skills to student projects
- **Shark Tank-Style Presentation**: Present student projects to an exciting guest panel

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**About NNSP**

The National Network of Schools in Partnership (NNSP) serves its members by providing implementation support, thought leadership, and advocacy. NNSP believes collaboration and partnerships are central to a strategy for improving equity in educational opportunities. NNSP thrives on the diversity of its members, which include organizations such as: public, charter and private schools; educational access and enrichment programs; and policy and education reform groups.

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**About Close Up**

Established in 1971, Close Up is a non-profit, non-partisan civic education organization dedicated to helping students develop the knowledge and skills they need to become informed, active, and engaged citizens. Close Up’s trained instructors will facilitate small group discussions and guide students through their project work. Each year, Close Up helps thousands of students and teachers across the nation engage in civil discourse and take informed action in their communities.
IMPACT 2020: A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMER EXPERIENCE

PROGRAM DETAILS

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Middle School Sessions | June 17, 18, 19 & July 22, 23, 24 | 1-3pm Eastern Standard Time (10am-12pm PT)
High School Sessions | June 24, 25, 26 & July 29, 30, 31 | 1-3pm Eastern Standard Time (10am-12pm PT)

This three-day foundational program is a great introduction for students who are eager to learn how they can become active and involved members in their communities. Over the course of the three days, students will participate in a variety of activities to explore their sense of purpose, develop leadership skills, and think critically about social and political issues that matter most to them.

TASK FORCE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Middle School Sessions | June 29-July 2 & July 6-9 | Seminars 10am-12pm PT/ 1-3pm ET | Group Work 1-2pm PT/ 4-5pm ET
High School Sessions | June 29-July 2 & July 6-9 | Seminars 10am-12pm PT/ 1-3pm ET | Group Work 1-2pm PT/ 4-5pm ET

Building on the foundations course, this two-week program gives students the opportunity to work in teams and apply their skills and passion to address a pressing local or national issue. Students will identify issues that are important to them, explore root causes, develop action plans, and build a coalition of young leaders committed to tackling a problem.

Program Tuition

We encourage students who are new to advocacy work to join us for both the introduction and task force programs (all sessions). For students with more experience, the introduction course is optional but still recommended as a foundation to the task force.

Introduction to Community Engagement (3 sessions) ................................................................. $150
Task Force for Community Engagement (8 sessions) .............................................................. $400
Introduction & Task Force (all 11 sessions) ............................................................................. $500

Registration

For more information or to sign up for this unique summer experience, visit www.CloseUp.org/impact-2020.