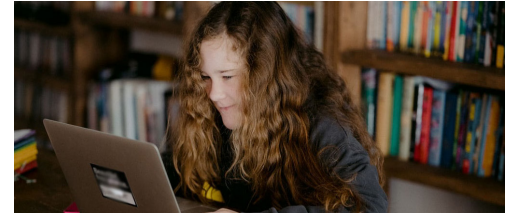


# IMPACT: INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



*Impact: Introduction to Community Engagement* is a three-day foundational program that connects students across the country 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 virtual activities to explore their sense of purpose, develop leadership skills, and think critically about social and political issues that matter most to them. Students will leave the program equipped with a better understanding of issues affecting their communities and an action plan to advocate for impactful changes.

Each session is facilitated by trained Close Up Instructors:

### **Day 1: Understanding the Issues**

To help students understand issues affecting their communities, this session will focus on the designs of neighborhoods, the systems in place to support residents in the area, and how those systems can sometimes lead to areas of inequity and gaps in opportunity.

### **Day 2: Advocacy and Leadership**

After exploring issues in their communities, students are guided through a series of activities aimed at developing their sense of purpose and what leadership skills and advocacy strategies they can employ to make change in their communities.

### **Day 3: Designing Action Plans**

In small groups, students will engage in a “design-thinking” activity that will help them develop a personal action plan for bringing about change in their own communities on the issues that matter most to them.

## Program Details

**Middle School** | February 15-17 | 6-7:30pm (EST) / 3-4:30pm (PST)

**High School** | February 15-17 | 6-7:30pm (EST) / 3-4:30pm (PST)

**Individual Student Cost:** \$175

**Member Rate:** \$150 per student for NNSP members and Close Up Schools (minimum of 3 students required).

*If you are interested in tailoring this program for a course or grade level, please contact us at [classroom@closeup.org](mailto:classroom@closeup.org) to explore customized options and pricing.*

## 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.

## 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.