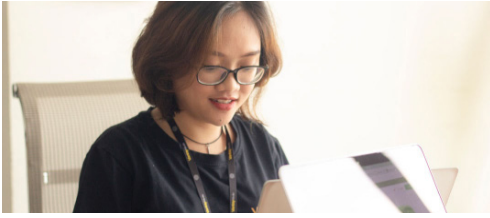


IMPACT: JUSTICE AND EQUITY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Now more than ever, young people want to play a pivotal role in developing solutions and addressing inequities in the United States. *IMPACT: Justice and Equity* equips students with the tools and knowledge they need to become catalysts for change in their communities. Over the course of seven weekly 90-minute sessions, students will network with diverse peers nationwide; hear inspiring stories from young activists on strategies and models of advocacy and activism; deepen their understanding of issues and root causes in their communities; and work together to create meaningful solutions. By engaging young people from communities nationwide 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.

Action Project Topics

Students will form action committees based on common interests, deliberate about their selected issue, and consider how young people can shape the narrative and offer solutions:

- Health Care and COVID-19
- Justice System and School to Prison Pipeline
- Educational Equity
- Economic Inequality and Poverty
- Environmental Justice and Climate Change
- Voting and Civic Education

Program Sessions

Each 90-minute session will be led by Close Up facilitators:

Session 1 – Building Community & Defining Issues: Meet the team and establish a learning community with young leaders from across the country. Explore current social and political issues and form action committees around an issue you care about.

Session 2 – Youth Advocacy & Activism: Explore different models of activism and advocacy and hear from young changemakers who are making a difference in their community. Consider how these models might inform your committee's action plan.

Session 3 – Raising Awareness: Gain strategies and techniques for raising public awareness around your issue. Consider how to best communicate your ideas and values to inspire your target audience.

Session 4 – The Art of Storytelling: Learn how you can create change by using effective storytelling to develop your committee's narrative. Hear from changemakers who have used their personal stories to inspire others.

Session 5 – Coalition Building & Organizing: Build a network and learn how to mobilize others around your cause. Share your initial action plan with peers and gather feedback.

Session 6 – Finalize Action Plans: Complete and polish your committee's action plan and prepare for your presentation. Reflect with your learning community and consider how you can continue to act as an informal network of support for each other.

Session 7 – Civic Action Symposium: Share your action plan and receive feedback from a team of guest panelists. Commit to tangible action steps within your own community.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Session Dates & Times

IMPACT: Justice and Equity National Program | Every Thursday, April 15 – May 27, 2021, from 6:30-8:00pm (EST) / 3:30-5:00pm (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 programsupport@closeup.org.

Eligibility & Cost

This program is intended for high school students. Please nominate three students to represent your school in this national session.

Standard Rate: \$300 per student

NNSP & Close Up Member Rate: \$250 per student

Registration

Space is limited to 120 students! Please complete this [form](#) or contact programsupport@closeup.org to register for this program.

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 bipartisan 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 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.