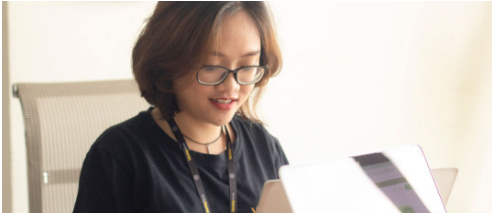


IMPACT: JUSTICE AND EQUITY

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 the program, 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. Join us as students across the country come together to 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 Highlights

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.