

# EMPOWER YOUTH VOICES: DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY

## Program Overview



Starting October 2021, Close Up and the Malone Schools Online Network will offer Series 1 of *Empower Youth Voices: Deliberative Democracy Program*. This is a special opportunity to nominate six students to represent your school. Through a series of six online workshops facilitated by Close Up, students from across Malone Schools will develop a deeper understanding of complex policy challenges facing the nation, connect those issues to long-standing values and tensions, and gain a rich understanding of the value of deliberation in a democracy.

Students will examine three major policy issues, evaluate proposals that represent a range of viewpoints, and consider, as a group, how to best address these issues. After deliberating, and developing a better understanding of their own values and priorities, students will participate in a training to develop the facilitation skills to lead controversial issue discussions with peers and in their own school communities.

## Session Dates & Times

**Series 1: Deliberative Democracy** | Tuesdays & Thursdays after school | October 26 - November 9, 2021 | 8:00-9:15pm (EST) / 5:00-6:15pm (PST)  
On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, a final reflection and debrief will take place following student facilitated discussions at their schools.

## Eligibility & Cost

The program session and special rate is exclusively for students enrolled at Malone Schools in 9th and 10th grade. You may nominate a cohort of 6 students to represent your school in an examination of today's most pressing issues with students from across the country.

- **Cohort of 6 Students:** \$1350
- **Individual Student Price:** \$250

Close Up and MSON are deeply committed to equity and inclusion. If you require financial assistance, please contact Close Up at [programsupport@closeup.org](mailto:programsupport@closeup.org).

## Registration

To register, please visit our [website](#).

## 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. 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 MSON

The [Malone Schools Online Network](#) provides motivated, upper-level students at participating Malone Schools with a variety of academically challenging courses beyond what would normally be available to them. These interactive seminars bring students together from across the United States with dedicated teachers in real time. MSON joins the best of independent school education with the latest video conferencing technology to chart new territory in online learning.