



DALLAS YOUTH SUMMIT

Close Up Foundation and the City of Dallas
April 24, 2025 | 8:30am-3:45pm | Convention Center

Young people across the country are coming of age at a trying time, one that has been too often defined by political polarization and a lack of understanding and cooperation across differences. In this national landscape, the skills and practices of civil discourse and deliberative dialogue are more essential than ever. Deliberation is a key to understanding public policy issues from multiple perspectives, to making informed decisions about how to resolve those issues, and to acting cooperatively in the best interests of communities nationwide.

Join the [Close Up Foundation](#)—the nation’s premier nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education organization—and the [Dallas Youth Commission \(DYC\)](#)—a diverse group of civically engaged students giving voice to youth issues—as we gather 250 high school students from across the city of Dallas for the first annual Dallas Youth Summit.

Students will work together to deliberate local policy issues using data from a recent DYC survey featuring over 5,000 student responses to inform their discussions and shape their goals. Participants will collaborate in small groups with other youth from across Dallas, listen to and weigh diverse perspectives, and craft a vision statement for creating change in their community.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: April 24, 2025

Location: Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas

Time: 8:30am-3:45pm

**Transportation to and from the event is not provided.*

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SAMPLE SCHEDULE

8:30am	Welcome and Registration
9:30am	Opening Remarks
9:45am	Deliberation and Consensus Building: Explore the goals of deliberation and review the DYC survey results to prepare for group discussions.
10:30am	Issue Group Deliberations: Deliberate on one of five issue areas: homelessness, climate change, public & school safety, public transportation, or civic engagement. Consider the priorities of decision-makers and examine various policies to address the issues.
12:00pm	Lunch
12:45pm	Panel with Local Policymakers and Government Officials: Build a deeper understanding of local government and identify stakeholders and decision-makers on a variety of public issues.
2:00pm	Issue Group Deliberations: Continue to deliberate on your chosen issue, create a vision statement for addressing the issue, and decide how you want to represent the group’s decisions to all participants.
3:15pm	Vision Statement Presentations: Present your vision statements, reflect on the value of deliberation, and consider opportunities for engagement in the future. All participants will be invited to become Close Up Civic Ambassadors.
3:45pm	End of Event

NextGen Roundtable: Dallas Youth Summit is made possible by the generous support of [The Hersh Foundation](#), [Communities Foundation of Texas](#), and Kathy and Harlan Crow. Their dedication to fostering meaningful conversation and driving positive change has been instrumental in bringing this event to life. To learn more about opportunities to support this work, please contact us at support@closeup.org.