

CIVIL DISCOURSE LAB: TEACHER TRACK

JULY 8-10, 2026



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 12:00 **Registration & Lunch***
- 1:00 **Opening Session***: Why deliberation and civil discourse? Learn about Close Up's approach to building skills for deliberative democracy.
- 2:30 **Break**
- 2:45 **Introduction to the Civil Discourse Credential**: Explore the core competencies and how they are defined, tracked, and assessed.
- 4:30 **Domain 1 Exploration**: Analyzing Political and Social Issues
- 5:30 **Break**
- 6:00 **Dinner & Welcome Remarks with Students Participating in NextGen Roundtable: Decision 2026***
- 7:30 **End of Day**

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 8:00 **Breakfast**
- 9:00 **Domain 2 Exploration**: Communicating Across Difference
- 10:00 **Domain 3 Exploration**: Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy
- 11:00 **Break**
- 11:15 **Introduction to Norming**: Establish shared expectations for how your classroom will engage in discussion and collaboration.
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:30 **Deliberation Prep**: Prepare for the student deliberation and expert panel, gaining firsthand exposure to what civil discourse looks like in practice.
- 2:30 **Break**
- 3:00 **Student Program Observation***: Observe students participating in Decision 2026 during a deliberation and expert panel.
- 7:00 **Evening Monuments Tour***: See D.C.'s famous monuments at night.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 8:00 **Breakfast**
- 9:00 **Implementation of the Credential**: Explore practical strategies for embedding the Civil Discourse Credential into your existing curriculum, and learn how to collect meaningful student evidence and structure your programs for long-term success.
- 11:00 **Break**
- 11:15 **Closing Remarks***: Alice Siu, Associate Director of the Deliberative Democracy Lab at Stanford University
- 12:15 **Boxed Lunches and Depart for Home**

*Sample schedule subject to change.
 Combined with participants on the admin track.

Domain Exploration: Within each domain are competencies and rubrics that outline learner progressions, as well as supporting curriculum and assessments to guide and evaluate students' development as they build mastery.