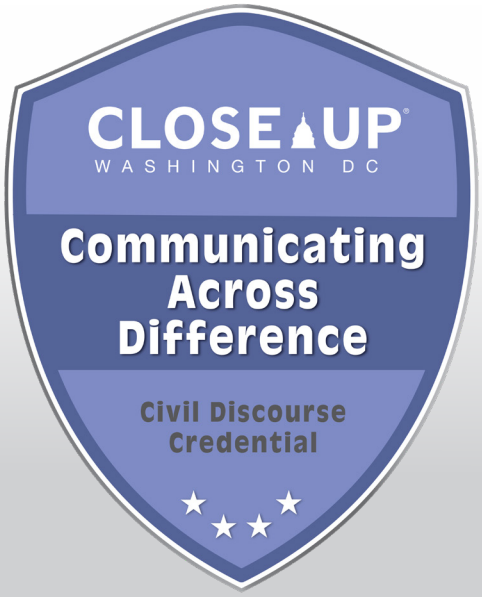
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CIVIL DISCOURSE CREDENTIAL: COMMUNICATING ACROSS DIFFERENCE

Congratulations on completing your NextGen Roundtable deliberation! You've already shown what it takes to listen deeply, share your ideas with confidence, and engage thoughtfully with people who see the world differently. Now we invite you to keep that momentum going. Close Up's Communicating Across Difference Credential is your next step, a chance to build on what you started and sharpen the specific skills that colleges, universities, and employers value most: strong communication, active listening, creative problem-solving, and the ability to bridge differing viewpoints. Take what you've learned back to your school and community, keep practicing, and earn the Civil Discourse Credential: Communicating Across Difference.



- ASSESSING POLICY POSITIONS
- ANALYZING BIAS
- EVALUATING PERSUASIVE COMMUNICATION
- FACILITATING DIALOGUE & DELIBERATION

You've already taken the first step by participating in a NextGen Roundtable deliberation. Here's how to finish the journey:

Step 1: Choose your issue.

Pick a topic that matters to you and your school community, something people care about and may see differently. You may use one of the topics provided in the Close Up Deliberative Dialogue Resource Library or create your own if you chose.

Step 2: Plan your conversation.

Decide who you'll invite and how you'll structure the discussion. Close Up's facilitation guide and resources are available to help you prepare, so use as much or as little as you need.

Step 3: Lead the conversation.

Return to your school community and bring people together to talk through the issue. Create space for every voice, listen closely, and help the group explore different perspectives.

Step 4: Reflect on your experience.

Using the Close Up reflection prompts, share what happened, what you learned, and how you grew as a facilitator.

Step 5: Earn your credential!

Once you submit your reflection and a photo of your deliberation, you'll officially earn the Communicating Across Difference Credential. Congratulations!

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