

DEMOCRACYREADY NY

APRIL NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE COALITION



Last week, DemocracyReady NY youth members attended the Responsible Technology Youth Power Fund convening in NYC 🗽. They connected with other youth leaders in the responsible tech space, discussed navigating current trends, and rep'd our cause to make quality media literacy education accessible to all students!

UPDATES FROM COALITION MEMBERS

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN

Keeping Track of NYC's Children: 2024 Data Book Release

Join at Trinity Commons in Manhattan on May 22nd at 9:00 am to celebrate the publication of Keeping Track of New York City's Children, a biennial data publication by CCC. Discover key findings highlighting NYC's diversity and history while addressing issues of equity and affordability. Attendees will receive a FREE copy of the 2024 edition. [Learn more and reserve your spot.](#)

DOSOMETHING

Visit DoSomething's [Art of Democracy](#) to find simple ways to take civic action. The Art of Democracy educates and equips the next generation of young voters with the skills to share their civic story and become a force for change in and out of the voting booth.

BRETT LEVY, UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY



The Civics Center and the University at Albany are teaming up to provide a one-hour virtual training on various approaches to bringing voter registration and education into your school communities. We'll explore national and regional trends, identify and assess various approaches to voter registration drives, and provide you with additional materials and resources so that you feel confident running registration events in your schools. [Click here](#) to sign up for our May 16th training at 4pm EDT and receive one CTLE Hour!

GENERATION CITIZEN

A courageous teacher inspires and nurtures their students in extraordinary ways. Generation Citizen is a firm believer in centering and elevating exceptional educators - support us in this cause by nominating a courageous teacher.

The Darcy E. Richie Teacher Courage Award honors former classroom teacher, principal, and professor, Darcy Elaine Richie, and her dedication to social justice education. This \$10,000 award recognizes a civics, U.S. government, or history teacher who demonstrated courage and excellence in equity-rooted education.

[Submit a nomination today!](#)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS NY STATE

Join us May 7th from 9:30am-4:00pm for a lobby day at the NYS Capitol!

Members will be invited to learn about important legislative issues and how to advocate for them, meet new league members from across the state, and lobby

your representative at the Capitol.

[For more information, sign up here.](#)

NEW YORK PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Summer Leadership Conference (known as SLC) is an annual event designed to provide training and programs to all local PTA members, helping them to establish grass-roots advocacy in their schools and preparing them to be key leaders in their education communities.

This year the conference will be held July 27, 2024, at Crowne Plaza-The Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York. [Learn more about attending and exhibiting.](#)

THE NEW YORK STATE GRANGE

Read the latest [May/June Empire State Granger Newsletter.](#)

PROJECT LOOK SHARP

[Read the latest Project Look Sharp newsletter](#) with new media decoding tools, lessons for Earth Day, and tips for identifying deepfakes.

WESTCHESTER PUTNAM SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Visit WPSBA's [DIY Toolkit for Public Ed Advocacy](#) webpage for helpful resources to advocate for public education in your region and statewide.

YVOTE

YVote and the NYC Civic Coalition launched the [Youth Civic Hub](#), a by-youth, for-youth web portal dedicated to centralizing, synthesizing, and simplifying civic learning opportunities for NYC students. The Hub provides a platform tailored to young people's unique schedules and learning outcomes to further their civic identity, agency, and engagement. Check it out!



ICYMI

- [Join the CivXNow Teachers Advancing Civic Learning network!](#) Teachers Advancing Civic Learning (TACL) is a grassroots network of educators trained and empowered to advance and strengthen civic learning through policy at the local, state, and national levels.
- Listen to Next Generation Politics' latest Round Table podcast: ["What can we do to make our community better RIGHT NOW?"](#)
- Listen to the [Education for Sustainable Democracy Podcast](#), hosted by Dr. Brett Levy.
- The American Civic Education Teacher Awards Application is open until May 31st. [Apply here.](#)
- Watch the DemocracyReady NY New York Civic Learning Week 2024 Webinar Series [here.](#)

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

America's Field Trip:

- America's Field Trip offers students across the nation a unique opportunity to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Through artwork, videos, or essays, students can express what America means to them, with the chance to win exciting prizes. Winners will embark on unforgettable "field trip" experiences to iconic historical and cultural sites, fostering a deeper understanding of our nation's past. [Learn more.](#)

NYU Metro Center's 2024 Equity Conference

- The conference is free to middle and high school students! Attend a full day of learning to engage sustainable district and school-based equity practices that center efforts to get to equity and liberatory education practices. The conference will be held at New York University's Kimmel Center on **Friday, May 17th, 2024.**

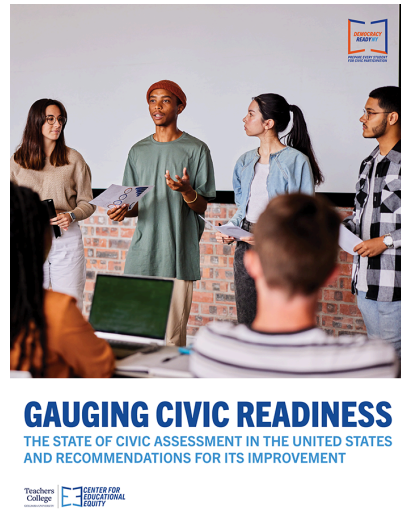
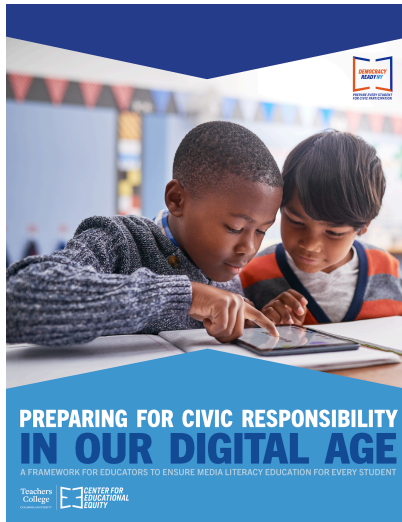
Join an NYC Youth Leadership Council

- NYC Youth Leadership Councils (YLCs) are a network of youth groups focused on policy, practice, and advocacy to make local change happen. [Learn how to join or host a council here!](#)

New York Times Civic Participation Survey

- High School Students: [Are you paying attention to the presidential election?](#)

READ THE LATEST FROM DEMOCRACYREADY NY



[Preparing for Civic Responsibility in Our Digital Age: A Framework for Educators to Ensure Media Literacy Education for Every Student](#)

- Authored by media literacy expert Faith Rogow, PhD, this media literacy education outcomes framework is written for pre-K-12 school librarians, teachers, school and district administrators, school board members, and the educators and policymakers involved in creating state education standards or teaching pre-service courses for education professionals.

[Gauging Civic Readiness: The State of Civic Readiness in the United States and Recommendations for Its Improvement](#)

- Preparing young people for their civic responsibilities in a democracy is an essential role of schools in the United States. Yet, this report shows that over 80% of states currently ignore the need to assess the full extent to which students are being prepared for capable civic participation.

SUPPORT OUR WORK

[DemocracyReady NY](#) is a statewide, nonpartisan, multigenerational coalition committed to preparing all students for civic participation. Coalition members include educators, researchers, youth leaders, education stakeholder groups, civic education practitioners, youth-development specialists, parents, civic leaders, and advocates. Founded in 2018 by Michael Rebell and Jessica Wolff, the Coalition is convened by the Center for Educational Equity at Teachers

College, Columbia University. The Center’s mission is to strengthen educational rights for all students through research, legal strategies, and collective advocacy.



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