

DEMOCRACYREADY NY **JULY NEWSLETTER**

applications open
become a **DEMOCRACYREADY NY**
youth member

 Apply by August 19th

 Remote (NY State)

THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

- [Apply to be a DemocracyReady NY Youth Member!](#)
- Facing History & Ourselves is hosting a free webinar series, [Democracy in Action: Teaching about the 2024 Election](#)
- Your vote matters! It only takes 2 minutes. [Register to vote.](#)

NEWS FROM THE COALITION

Applications are open for 2024-2025 DemocracyReady NY Youth members!

Are you a high school or early college student from NY interested in how policymaking affects your school? Do you want to advocate for New York students' right to be prepared for civic participation? Apply today to be a member of a statewide, nonpartisan, multigenerational coalition committed to preparing all students for civic participation. Youth Members are provided a stipend for their participation.

[Learn more about the program and how to apply here.](#)

UPDATES FROM COALITION MEMBERS

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN

Join us for CCC's Annual Celebration Breakfast on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 beginning at 7:30am. This year's breakfast will take place in-person at 583 Park Ave and will honor inspiring advocates working to uplift child and family well-being in NYC. [Learn More.](#)

THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

[Register](#) for the Council's Fall Leadership Summit September 22-24, convening in Saratoga Springs, NY.

DOSOMETHING

Your vote matters! It only takes 2 minutes. [Register to vote.](#)

Fight book bans & celebrate diverse perspectives by reading a banned book. [Join](#) the fight for intellectual freedom by transforming your summer reading list with a book from our Summer (Banned) Reading List.

FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES

Democracy in Action: Teaching about the 2024 Election

As the United States enters the 2024 election season, [join us](#) for a series of online webinars and workshops that examine the health of democracy, voting and elections, and the pivotal influence of young people's civic participation.

GENERATION CITIZEN

The deadline to [submit applications](#) for the 2024 Darcy E. Richie Teacher Courage Award has been EXTENDED through October 30, 2024!

This \$10,000 award recognizes a civics, U.S. government, or history teacher who demonstrated courage and excellence in equity-rooted education.

INQUIRING MINDS INSTITUTE

Paid intern positions available now for NYC students.

We are looking to add a member to our small, interactive team of teens from public schools all over the City. Our focus is in creating democratic civics tools and strategies for use in schools starting in elementary grades. Students on the team are referred to as Associate Producers in all credits.

Designer/writer/community organizer DK Holland facilitates the meetings and work. All our work is distributed for free.

We pay a stipend of \$350 every 2 months to each teen. We meet once a week on Mondays at 4:30-6 on Zoom. Meetings are mandatory.

Applicants- please submit an email to dk@inquiringmindsinstitute.org explaining your interest, the name of your school and its location plus your grade level and any experience you might have that's relevant.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW YORK

Are you a social studies teacher planning for back to school? [Check out the LWV civic education lesson plans resources specific to NY State.](#)

The lesson plans are based on the Key Ideas and Social Studies Practices of the New York State Social Studies Curriculum Framework. The lesson plans could be integrated into existing units or combined for a unit of instruction on New York government. With these lesson plans, Participation in Government teachers have ready-made resources which will engage high school seniors.

NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS

Join the NYSUT in their single-day conference September 20th. The event will delve into critical issues surrounding the use of cellphones, social media and technology and their effects on various aspects of education, mental health and well-being. [Register for the conference here.](#)

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

[Become a library champion!](#) Sign-up to receive e-mail alerts when your action is needed to act on behalf of libraries in New York State.

THE NEW YORK STATE GRANGE

Read the latest [July/August Empire State Granger Newsletter.](#)

NEW YORK STATE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Save the date! The NYS Parent Teacher Association annual convention supporting the wellbeing of all children, will be held November 15-17 at the Saratoga Hilton & City Center. [For more information.](#)

PROJECT LOOK SHARP

Read the latest [Project Look Sharp newsletter](#) for useful media literacy lesson plans about climate change, the presidential election, and more.

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

Check out 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.

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.

Teachers Advancing Civic Learning (TACL)



Scan this QR Code
to join now!



CivXNow
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- [“30 years ago, he led a landmark case on NY’s school funding formula. Now he wants it overhauled.”](#) Read about the latest initiative from the Center for Educational Equity to develop a new foundation aid formula in New York State.
- “Is it legit? Five steps for vetting a news source” (Grades 4-12) The News Literacy Project released an infographic to evaluate the validity of information on social media. [Check it out here](#)
- The New York Historical Society has opened a new exhibition [“When Our Rivers Meet”](#) exploring the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam upon the lands of the Lenape Peoples, while also linking this to the broader global colonial legacies of the Netherlands.
- Listen to the latest episode of the Next Generation Politics Roundtable podcast, “Reviving the Excitement: Making Voting & Elections Fun Again!” [Listen here](#)

- Listen to the [Education for Sustainable Democracy Podcast](#), hosted by Dr. Brett Levy.
- Watch the DemocracyReady NY New York Civic Learning Week 2024 Webinar Series [here](#).



Chalkbeat Student Voice Fellowship

- Also, are you a New York City high school junior or senior? Applications are due this Friday for Chalkbeat's 2024-25 [Student Voices Fellowship](#). We'll be selecting four traditional public or charter school students in New York City to participate in our essay-writing program. Teens will receive a \$1,000 stipend while learning journalism basics, workshopping their writing alongside Chalkbeat editors, and publishing personal essays on Chalkbeat.

Youth Voices Lead Social Justice & Human Rights Training Program

- Youth Voices Lead: Climate Justice is a community training program for youth organizers (ages 15-18) to strengthen their human rights knowledge and artistic tools and discover how to take action for climate justice and social justice change.
- [Application Deadline: Friday, September 6 at 11:59 pm ET](#)

New York Public Library

- Applications to become a [Teen Reading Ambassador](#) with the New York Public Library are now open!
- Check out New York Public library's [College and Career Pathways Resources](#) calendar to stay up to date with scholarships, internships and program 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"

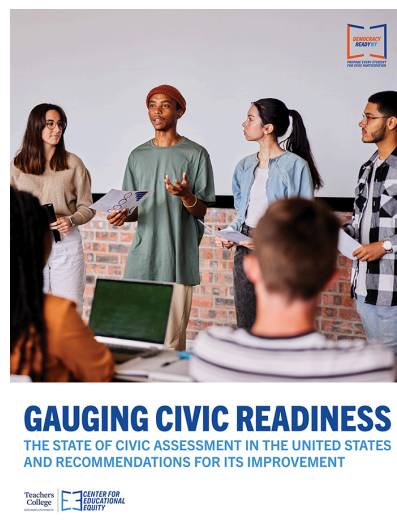
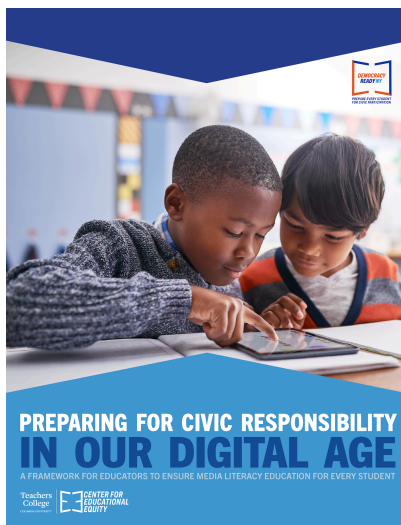
experiences to iconic historical and cultural sites, fostering a deeper understanding of our nation's past. [Learn more.](#)

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!](#)

Take a look at this [list of scholarships](#) and consider applying!

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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