

DEMOCRACY READY NY **JUNE NEWSLETTER**



THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

- [Generation Citizen shares 19 ways YOU can make a difference in your community this summer.](#)
- Teachers, join the CivXNow Teachers Advancing Civic Learning Network.
- Youth opportunities for this summer and beyond!

UPDATES FROM COALITION MEMBERS

DOSOMETHING

For Pride Month, we're taking a stand to live our lives Uncensored. One way to do that is to read and celebrate stories about the queer experience and reflect on how these stories inspire us to live our lives proudly and openly.

You could earn a \$500 scholarship by reading a book from our Uncensored: Pride Month Booklist and share your personal reflections about the importance of the story and how you'll advocate for culturally representative stories in your school. [Learn more.](#)

FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES

Facing History and Ourselves helps us [Understand Our Past and Shape Our Future During Civic Season.](#)

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!](#)

MIKVA CHALLENGE

Don't miss out on our annual summer conference, "United For Change"!

This July, we're uniting students and educators to collaborate and address today's pressing issues. Seize the opportunity to learn, connect, and collaborate with us! [Register by TODAY](#), June 28th to secure your spot.

NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New York Historical Society offers several fellowship opportunities for scholars at various stages of their careers!

[Explore three fellowships currently available](#) and apply by June 30, 2024.

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

PROJECT LOOK SHARP

[Read the latest Project Look Sharp newsletter](#) to find 17 decoding activities for Pride Month, media constructions of the Declaration of Independence, and a lesson plan on climate change through movie posters.

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

[The Miracle of Rural Education Summer Conference](#), July 14 - 16 in Lake Placid, NY.

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.

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Teachers Advancing Civic Learning (TACL)



Scan this QR Code
to join now!



- [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.
- This Civic Season [find over 2,000 activities](#) from credible organizations to help you learn and grow.
- Listen to Next Generation Politics' latest Round Table podcast: [The Stolen Labor That Built our School](#)
- Listen to the [Education for Sustainable Democracy Podcast](#), hosted by Dr. Brett Levy.
- Are you looking to bring news literacy into your classroom, but don't want to overburden your curriculum? Then this session is for you!
 - The News Literacy Project's Framework for Teaching News Literacy helps educators integrate news literacy into existing curricula or create stand-alone courses with a systematic approach. [Register here.](#)
- Watch the DemocracyReady NY New York Civic Learning Week 2024 Webinar Series [here.](#)

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES



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](#)

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.](#)

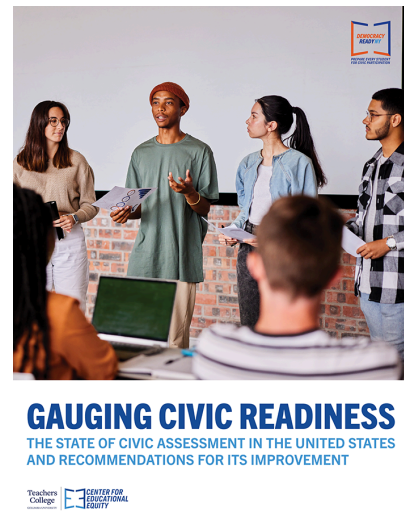
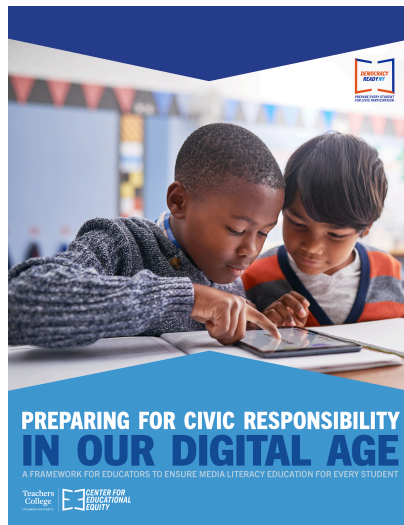
Join an NYC Youth Leadership Council

- 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!](#)

Tour the State Education Building:

- Looking for a fun, educational summer activity? Take a tour of the State Education Building! The tours are led by New York State Museum staff and allow visitors to explore the building adorned with murals by Albany native Will H. Low. For more information, reservations, and tour dates, visit <https://bit.ly/4cAqNMa>

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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