

DEMOCRACYREADYNY MARCH NEWSLETTER

It's not too late to watch the DemocracyReady NY
New York Civic Learning Week events!



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Watch Now!

ICYMI

- Read, [Gov. Hochul's Budget Puts CFE Precedent at Risk: Michael Rebell, CFE Counsel, Threatens New Lawsuit.](#)
- [Take action](#) with the Alliance for Quality Education to demand a just budget for our schools.
- [CivXNow Teachers Advancing Civic Learning webpage is live!](#) 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: ["We're Exposed To Different Slices Of Information Each Day."](#)
 - Listen to the [Education for Sustainable Democracy Podcast](#), hosted by Dr. Brett Levy.

UPDATES FROM COALITION MEMBERS

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN

Watch [The Power of Participation: An Exploration of Civic Learning in the Youth Development Space](#).

This webinar is for youth development practitioners (mentors, coaches, facilitators, teachers, etc.) who are interested in learning about approaches to intentionally embed civic learning into youth development programs.

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.



GENERATION CITIZEN

In honor of Civic Learning Week, Generation Citizen hosted a virtual youth forum focused on the state of civics education for Gen-Z in the United States. [Watch it here.](#)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' Jane Hatterer and **DEMOCRACY PREP's** Rashid Duroseau were featured speakers in the Civic Learning Week event hosted by CivXNow and SIIA, [Civic Education in the AI Age](#).

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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's summer applications are open! Are you a high school student in NYC (or even across the country!) interested in democracy, voting, or political issues? Do you want to make change in your community, but aren't sure where to start? Do you want to meet other high school students and be part of a welcoming, supportive community? Do you want to strengthen your leadership skills? Then join us this summer for Democracy Camp, Change Makers Institute, or Next Gen Civic Fellowship! Learn more at tinyurl.com/YVoteSummerOpps



APPLY TODAY!

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YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Young Futures Request for Proposals

- Open until April 5th, the Young Futures Lonely Hearts Club funding challenge will offer up to \$1 million to early-stage organizations and solutions focused on fostering meaningful social connection, teen belonging, and wellbeing in a tech-driven world. [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.**

Representative Adriano Espaillat Announces Launch of Congressional Art Competition for District High Schools Call for Submissions: 2024 Art Competition Now Open!

- The 2024 Congressional Art Competition is now accepting entries from high school students from New York's 13th congressional district for the opportunity to display their winning artwork in the United States Capitol and the district offices of Rep. Adriano Espaillat (NY-13) for up to one year.
- Artwork must be emailed to Art.NY13@mail.house.gov by this year's deadline: Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Original artwork may include digital submissions of paintings, drawings, collages, and photography and must be submitted via email along with the student release form.

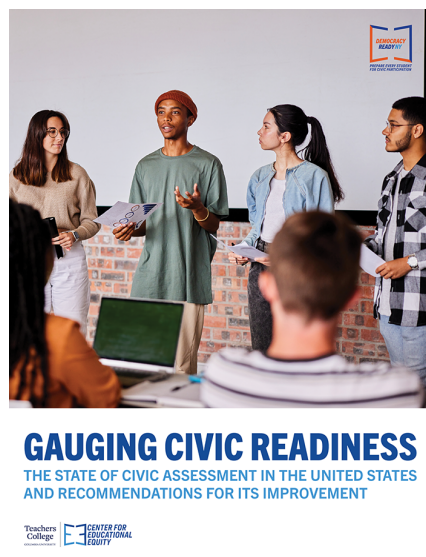
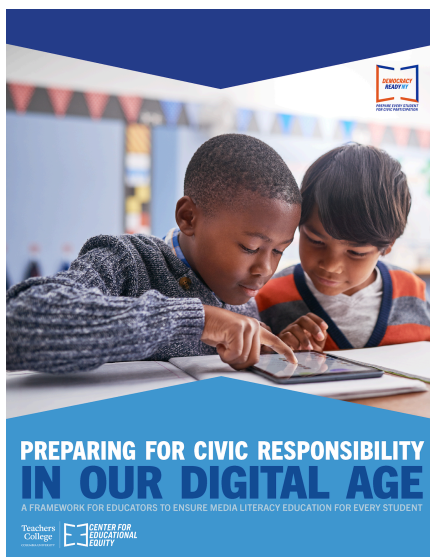
America's Field Trip:

- 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.](#)

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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