

DEMOCRACYREADYNY **MAY NEWSLETTER**



Youth Members reflect on a year with DemocracyReady NY

THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

- Read the latest DemocracyReady NY Youth Member [blogs](#)
- Paid Youth Opportunities with YVote Civic Hub
- Teachers, join the CivXNow Teachers Advancing Civic Learning Network!

UPDATES FROM COALITION MEMBERS

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

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!](#)

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.

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 Pride Month, and tips for analyzing health & wellness claims on social media.

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

High school & college students: Join the [Youth Civic Hub](#) team! 🗳️

We have several PAID (\$17-\$25/hour) roles for the summer and coming semester to continue building and shaping this tool. We would love to continue

to build this as a collaborative effort with youth from all across the country!

Please share the links below with your networks and anyone you think might be interested:

- 🌟 [Youth Organizing Lead](#) (Outreach Team | NYC Only)
- 🌟 [Youth Ambassador](#) (Outreach Team | NYC Only)
- 🌟 [Content Lead](#) (Content Team)
- 🌟 [Content Fellow](#) (Content Team)
- 🌟 More Engineering Roles TBA on our [Opportunities Board](#)

Contact YVote Associate Director of Partnerships and Growth Elisa with any questions: elisa@yvotenyc.org

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Teachers Advancing Civic Learning (TACL)



Scan this QR Code to join now!



CivXNow
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- [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: "[Media Literacy in a Maelstrom](#)"
- 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.](#)
- [Submit a paper or poster to the MIT Ai x Edu Summit](#) by 11:59pm ET on May, 24th.
- 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.](#)

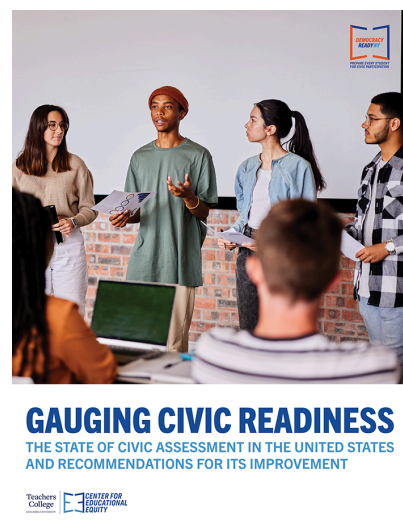
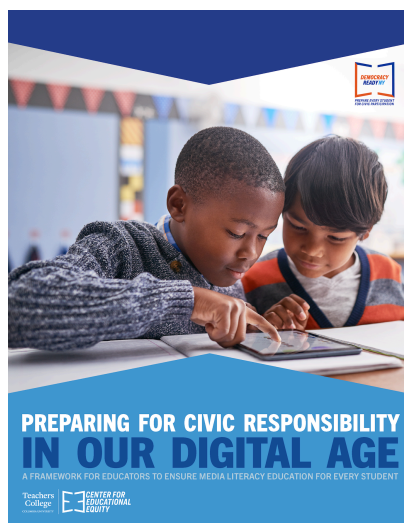
iCivics, Equity in Civics Youth Fellowship

- [The Equity in Civics Youth Fellowship \(ECYF\)](#) brings together a talented group of high school students from around the country to think locally, listen to others, and build coalitions.
- Fellows will utilize their lived experiences to shed light on how civic education can include student voices and become more equitable. Fellows are committed to researching issues of equity in civic education in their school community and addressing the practices and policies related to their civic learning experiences. Applications are due May 27, 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!](#)

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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