

# FALL OPPORTUNITIES FOR NYC YOUTH

## Youth Community Leadership Course

Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (CCC) has an exciting opportunity for youth ages 14 - 18! Community service credit is available as well as expanding leadership and civic engagement opportunities.

Note that due to the pandemic, this year's Youth Community Leadership Course will be held remotely, via Zoom.

**APPLY ONLINE:** [bit.ly/F21YCLC](https://bit.ly/F21YCLC)

CCC is a multi-issue child advocacy organization that seeks to ensure that every child is healthy, housed, educated, and safe. YouthAction NYC engages New York City youth from diverse backgrounds in civic participation and advocacy. Students who participate in the YCLC will:

- Gain the skills to advocate on behalf of themselves, their schools, and their communities.
- Learn how to conduct research such as public polling, stakeholder interviews, and data analysis.
- Meet with government officials to discuss their ideas for improving New York City.
- Become better leaders through problem solving and critical thinking.
- Strengthen their communication and public speaking skills.
- Make lifelong friends with the diverse group of peers in the program!

The Fall 2021 course will begin on Monday, October 18th. Because space is limited, I urge you to disseminate the attached information to students and families as soon as possible.

Applications should be submitted online by October 1st.

Additional information about the YCLC is available on the [Citizens' Committee for Children website](#).

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 212.673.1800 X 20 or [ljankstrom@cccnewyork.org](mailto:ljankstrom@cccnewyork.org).

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## Sisters in Strength & Young Women's Advisory Council

Applications for GGE's Young Women's Advisory Council (YWAC) and Sisters in Strength (SIS) 2021-2022 cohort are live! YWAC and SIS is a wonderful opportunity for young folk to develop expertise in organizing around ending sexual and gender-based violence while uplifting healing, racial, and restorative justice through a Black queer feminist lens. See more information about the programs and application deadline below!

Pioneered by GGE in 2004, **Sisters in Strength** (SIS) engages young people who are survivors of child sexual abuse and allies to survivors, providing space for survivor-centered, healing

justice approaches in the movement to end gender-based violence, sexual violence, and child sexual abuse.

Born out of the New York City Young Women's Initiative, housed at GGE, the **Young Women's Advisory Council** (YWAC) is a national program in which young cis and trans girls and GNC/NB youth of color engage in organizing and civic engagement strategies to push for transformative change through government and policy. In addition to our program in New York City, there are now seven local YWAC chapters across the country, run by local partners.

***Both SIS and YWAC are stipended opportunities.***

**A Liberation Legacy** (ALL) is a two-year project of GGE's Sisters in Strength Survivorship Program (SIS) and the New York City Young Women's Advisory Council (NYCYWAC) to highlight the current realities of young people living in New York City during a pandemic, mass uprisings, and major political transitions. ALL will share a vision for ending sexual and gender-based violence through community organizing and civic engagement while lifting up healing, racial and restorative justice through a Black queer feminist lens.

We are asking you to join in this collaborative effort by referring young women and GNC/NB youth to be a part of this collaboration. Applications are now open and will be closing on **September 24th, 2021**. You can have young people apply to either SIS or YWAC by using the following links:

**The Young Women's Advisory Council** - [bit.ly/nycywacapp21](https://bit.ly/nycywacapp21)  
**Sisters In Strength** - [bit.ly/sisapp21](https://bit.ly/sisapp21)

If you would like to know more information about our programs, we will be having a virtual open house on **Thursday, September 16th from 4-6 pm**. The link to register for the open house is: [bit.ly/ggeopenhouse21](https://bit.ly/ggeopenhouse21)

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## **YVOTE**

Are you interested in helping transform the political landscape and/or participating in cross-partisan conversations on key civic issues of our time with experts and civic-minded teens from across the city? Apply to the Next Gen Civic Fellowship and/or YVote ChangeMaker Institute. Check out both programs at [www.tinyurl.com/NGPFallPrograms](https://www.tinyurl.com/NGPFallPrograms) and apply ASAP!

**Join the [Next Generation Politics Civic Fellowship](#) for 2021-22.**

*Build relationships, build knowledge, build your resume, and build a rising generation of cross-partisan leaders equipped to create collaborative civic solutions. Through monthly Civic Forums, you will deliberate issues like, What would a just and equitable criminal justice system look like and how do we create it? Where is the line between free speech and hate speech? How do we ensure free and fair elections that enable all citizens to vote and have a voice? You can get a taste of the Civic Forums in action through our videos [here](#).*

The Civic Fellowship will launch with a full day, in person community-building Civic Orientation on Sun, Oct 3 from 10AM-4PM. Subsequent Civic Forums will be on Sundays Oct 24, Nov 14, Dec 12, and Jan 9 from 1-3:30PM ET on Zoom. Upon completion of the first semester in good standing, Fellows can apply for a spring Civic Action Project internship.

You can access further information [here](#) and the application at [www.tinyurl.com/NGPApp](http://www.tinyurl.com/NGPApp).

**Apply ASAP and no later than Sept 29.** Any questions can be directed to Sanda [Sanda@nextgenpolitics.org](mailto:Sanda@nextgenpolitics.org)

### **Join [YVote's ChangeMaker Institute for 2021-22](#)**

*Are you interested in helping transform the political landscape? 2021 is an EPIC municipal election year in New York City, and we have an unprecedented opportunity to help create the New York City we want to live in--and to ensure that the youth agenda is at the forefront for new electeds. We also need to motivate and mobilize teens around the country to vote and hold elected officials accountable to demonstrate Gen Z's power and potential.*

Apply to join [YVote](#) to be on the front lines of a youth social movement organized around creating change--and holding elected officials accountable--around issues you care about: criminal, climate, gender & LGBTQ+, immigration, mental health, and racial justice. Two tracks are available--one focused on Political Education and Advocacy and one on Youth Organizing and Activism. Interested participants can choose one (participating monthly) or both (participating biweekly.) Each track provides a \$75 stipend for full participation.

Check out further details at [www.yvoteny.org/apply](http://www.yvoteny.org/apply) and **apply directly at [www.tinyurl.com/YVoteApp](http://www.tinyurl.com/YVoteApp) ASAP and no later than Sept 30.**

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## **Project STIQ**

**Calling all teens and youth-serving organizations in Queens!** Project STIQ, which stands for Supporting Teens in Queens, is an exciting new program from Planned Parenthood of Greater New York serving teens, families, and professionals in the Queens' neighborhoods of East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, and North Corona.

Project STIQ delivers evidence-based programming for both middle- and high school-aged youth that promotes positive futures, develops decision-making and negotiation skills, and offers age-appropriate sexual health information. We also provide workshops for parents and caring adults about supporting the youth in their lives, as well as professional development for our partnering organizations.

To learn more about our program or register for upcoming sessions, email us at [ProjectSTIQ@ppgreaterny.org](mailto:ProjectSTIQ@ppgreaterny.org) or visit our [website](#).

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## Metropolitan Museum of Art

Calling all artists, writers, thinkers, and designers! Interested in finding out about careers in museums? Apply for a high school internship at The Met to meet experts, find mentors, make friends, gain professional experience, and more. Open to NYC students that are considered sophomores or juniors in high school, or have completed similar regents to sophomores and juniors in high school.

**The Met's High School internship application is now open for current sophomore and juniors** in HS. The link can be found [here](#).

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## New Visions AIM Charter High Schools

### **Are you looking for a school that does things differently?**

New Visions AIM Charter High Schools are unconventional, family-oriented high schools that provide young people who face great obstacles with the supports, experiences, and opportunities they need to transform their lives, excel academically and graduate high school.

We advocate for and develop our students, offering a high-quality educational experience, supportive environment, and preparation for post-secondary pathways aligned with student interests. We AIM to ensure each student charts a path to success.

**If you are looking for a fresh start, we are looking for you! No minimum credits, middle school diploma, or Regents are required. If you are 15-21 or know of someone that would like to join one of our AIM schools, apply today at [www.newvisions.org/applyaim](http://www.newvisions.org/applyaim) or call one of our schools below.**

### **We welcome students who:**

- are 15 years old and up
- have passed 7th grade or are currently in 8th grade
- are in high school looking for a fresh start

### **We have two locations:**

- [AIM I](#): 1150 East New York Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11212 (Phone: 718-269-7090)
  - [AIM II](#): 1010 Rev James A Polite Ave. Bronx, NY 10459 (Phone: 718 861-7515)
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## Edward A. Reynolds West Side High School

Edward A. Reynolds West Side High School is currently accepting student applications for the Fall 2021 semester! ALL interested students and families should complete an [admissions interest form](#) and send their transcripts to start changing their life TODAY!

**A New Year = A Fresh Start!**

Find additional information about intake at <https://www.earwshs.net/enrollment>. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at [Admissions@earwshs.net](mailto:Admissions@earwshs.net).

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## NYC Votes

### Get Out the Vote Text Banking

NYC Votes will host a Youth centric Get Out the Vote Text Bank on Thursday, October 21 from 6:00 – 8:30. This text bank will recruit young volunteers to conduct voter outreach throughout the city to promote voter turnout for the citywide General Elections on November 2. Join us as we prepare voters for this important election.

These are important opportunities for youth to help Get Out the Vote, connect with other young New Yorkers, and earn service hours! We use an application called Hustle, so youth do not use their own personal information to contact voters. All volunteers will take a short Zoom training before texting and NYC Votes staff will be available throughout the duration of the event to provide support. Please find RSVP information here: [October 21 – Youth Get Out the Vote Text Bank](#)

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## Youth Ask Youth Census - AMPLIFY

Are you a young person living in NYC who wants to share your unique life experiences to push policy change and improve life in your city? We're the **Intergenerational Change Initiative**, a collective of youth and adult researchers working to amplify youth voices and bring positive change to NYC.

Our **Youth Ask Youth Census** empowers young people to lay out their ideas and dreams for the future of NYC. We submit this data to major stakeholders like the Department of Youth and Community Development, the Department of Education, and the Deputy Mayor's office to effect radical change at the ground level.

**This month, you can raise your voice, be heard... and earn a chance to win a new HP laptop, just by taking our survey! Take the 2021 Youth Ask Youth Census at [Amplify \(amplifyapp.org\)](https://amplifyapp.org).**

Amplify Your Voice.  
Improve Our City.

## **Intergenerational Change Initiative**

Click for our [Website](#) , [Instagram](#) , and [Twitter](#) to discover past work we've done, meet the team, and stay up-to-date on upcoming events.

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## **JustUS!**

As you know, Black and brown youth are often both targeted by oppressive systems and also silenced in their experiences. To resist these harmful cycles, [Girls for Gender Equity \(GGE\)](#) and [Rising Ground's STEPS to End Family Violence](#) are collaborating to revise and redefine justice with JustUs: **a gender-responsive diversion program for cis and trans girls and LGB/GNC young people between the ages of 15-20 that have ties to Brooklyn who are either involved, or at high risk of involvement, in the juvenile legal system.** In JustUs, young people will come together to support, empower, teach, and learn from one another's experiences and learn to advocate for change.

Curious?

**Learn more about JustUs services in [this awesome video](#)** by the amazing JustUs team at GGE, Gerina Davis & Erika Chambers!

Young people can sign up for or be referred to JustUs at <http://bit.ly/JUReferral>.

JustUs currently offers a wide range of programs and services:

### **What's Your Story?:**

a 3-month group on Tuesdays from 4-6pm, where young people can learn about themselves, their peers, their communities, and systems.

### **Advocacy for a New Narrative:**

after participating in *What's Your Story?*, young people will dive into creative ways to advocate for communities and against oppressive systems.

### **Let's talk about it!:**

a drop-in group on Thursdays from 4-6pm, where participants decide what activities to do and what topics to talk about, based on monthly themes like self-care and liberated relationships.

### **Economic Empowerment:**

a group that meets Tuesdays 6-7:30pm to explore one's relationship with money and career

interests, in addition to individual services.

**One-on-one counseling:**

virtual or in-person space for individuals to express themselves and be heard

**Life coaching:**

individual meetings to set SMART goals and build skills!

*If you have any questions contact Gerina Davis (she/her) [gdavis@ggenyc.org](mailto:gdavis@ggenyc.org) and Erika Chambers (she/her) [echambers@ggenyc.org](mailto:echambers@ggenyc.org).*

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## **New York Civil Liberties Union**

**The Teen Activist Project** (TAP) is the NYCLU's youth organizing program for New York City high school students, reaching nearly 200 young people in NYC. TAP members learn about civil liberties and legal issues, reproductive justice, community organizing and activism. Students work together as peer educators to make sure the youth of New York know their rights, create campaigns on issues the NYCLU is working on, and organize protests, rallies and marches across the city. TAP is a great opportunity for young people interested in law, health care, social justice and community organizing.

- [Application can be found here.](#)
- **Deadline: Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:59 PM.**

In addition to TAP, the NYCLU also runs the Student Ambassadors (for NY high school students **living outside** of New York City) and the Campus Organizing Program for young people attending a college or university in New York. Access applications for all the programs at [NYCLU.ORG/YOUTH](http://NYCLU.ORG/YOUTH)

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## **JAIA YOUTH**

JAIA YOUTH is taking a few more applications for our Mindful Leaders Institute - MLI is year one (1) of a 3-year fellowship program. Black, Latinx & youth of color, Immigrant & LGBTQ youth are encouraged to apply. Also, youth who are interested in pursuing study or a career in mental health, public health, the Arts, or any service profession are encouraged to apply. Ages 16-2.

The Mindful Leaders Institute (MLI)– Is an evidence-informed, holistic personal development and service leadership development program that gives youth the mindset, discipline, and skills to lead meaningful lives of leadership and service. This full-year program provides youth with social-emotional learning (SEL), mindfulness/self-awareness training, mental health literacy (MLI), and ethical decision-making experiential learning and service opportunities. YOUTH leave

with increased self-awareness, confidence, clear self-directed personal and career goals, as well as, tools and techniques for effective communication and healthier relationships. Each participant envisions, prepares, and executes a role in a community service project of their choice.

This program, starting late September- June will be a hybrid program (pending COVID 19 rates/CDC recommendations) or solely virtual. It will meet weekly on Tuesdays on Zoom and, Saturday (twice monthly) in person if possible, this is still to be determined (TBD). Youth will receive stipends quarterly. Upon successful completion individuals have an opportunity, take a **2-year leadership position on our JAIA YOUTH Leadership Council** to receive advanced leadership, mentorship, and life coaching through high school and college.

Youth will be interviewed by recommendation only.

Please have youth fill out our application where they will have to add the contact info for a reference (parent, school personnel, adult over 25) and we will contact the adult.

See <https://jaiayouth.org/the-leadership-institute/> for more info and to apply!!