

**WE ARE GEN C**



# Advancing Equity in Civics Community Toolkit

*A resource for parents, organizers and equity leaders  
who are nurturing the next generation of changemakers.*



# OUR MISSION

At Generation Citizen, we envision a world where all students have the **skills, knowledge and motivation to influence and impact change** in their communities and our nation.

Through our Equity in Civics initiative, we're ensuring that every young person has access to **inclusive, representative and culturally-relevant** civic learning opportunities.

**WE ENVISION A WORLD WHERE  
EVERY STUDENT KNOWS**

**THEIR VOICE MATTERS**

**AND THAT THEY POSSESS THE  
POWER TO**

**CREATE CHANGE.**





## WHAT DOES EQUITY IN CIVICS LOOK LIKE?

Equitable civics education is **inclusive, representative, and relevant.**

It **values, embraces and centers** the recommendations and contributions of young people.

Equitable civics education prioritizes and creates spaces for adult collaboration and support, **especially for parents.**

It depends on **policy commitments to fund** more equitable civics on the state, district, and school levels.



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Generation Citizen's research shows that failure to value and include young people's recommendations, contributions, unique backgrounds and experiences can result in them **feeling unheard and undervalued.**

Every young person needs access to information and resources that help them understand **what's happening in the world and their place in it.**

An equitable civics education means that students of all races, ethnicities, genders and economic backgrounds are educated and **empowered to create the change they want to see.**

# OUR IMPACT



**"We are the voices. We are the future. We are the change makers."**

**- Student Changemaker Lexie Tesch (SF Bay Area) [READ THEIR STORY](#)**



**"...with Generation Citizen, I'm not just a leader in the classroom. I'm learning to be a leader in my community."**

**- Student Changemaker Anyla Unique Lee (Rhode Island) [READ THEIR STORY](#)**



**"We have the power to galvanize kids our age."**

**- Student Changemaker Justice Paraiso-Caceres (New York City) [READ THEIR STORY](#)**



**"We - students in the room - have the opportunity and responsibility to act - to speak up about the issues that affect our communities, to raise our voice, to become leaders."**

**- Student Changemaker Safiya Alsamarrai (Massachusetts) [READ THEIR STORY](#)**

# YOUR VOICE MATTERS

**A successful nation depends on **equal representation and participation** from all communities and constituencies.**

**As adults, it's our responsibility to prepare our youth to fully participate in and contribute to their communities and society.**

**Parents and caregivers, in particular, play a critical role in helping young people understand diverse viewpoints, navigate difficult conversations, and recognize bias and misinformation.**



GET INVOLVED

## WE NEED YOU

Join Generation Citizen's **#WeAreGenC** campaign to empower our youth and rebuild our democracy. Here's where to start:

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- **VISIT HERE** to read our "Equity in Civics" White Paper and hear from voices on the ground who are driving this work forward nationwide.
  - **CLICK HERE** to subscribe to our newsletter for news and updates on in-person and online events, including our new virtual conversation series.
  - **TAG US ON TWITTER** and share why you support equity in civics ed using the hashtags **#EquityInCivics** and **#WeAreGenC!**

## **TWITTER**

- Ensuring young people can access quality, culturally-responsive & relevant civics ed is key to helping them fully contribute to their communities & our democracy. Learn how @gencitizen is advancing equity in civics & join the movement at [equityincivics.org](http://equityincivics.org) #WeAreGenC
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## **FACEBOOK & LINKEDIN**

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