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THE PRINCETON YOUTH PROGRAM
FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

#GOT CIVICS NITE

APRIL 23, 2020 AT 6:30 PM
PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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EVENT DETAILS

CIVICS SHARK TANK

empowering young citizens

Open to the Public

At this first ever #Gotcivics Nite see how youth citizens in Princeton are making a difference.

Watch our team of high school PYC Social Pioneers pitch their community project ideas to a panel of Princeton leaders in our version of a civics Shark Tank.

Students from Littlebrook Elementary will also reveal their ideas for making Princeton more pet and animal friendly!

Join Princeton Youth Civics and our next generation of leaders for this special evening.

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Reception
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Program

PYC SOCIAL PIONEERS

**for youth citizens who want to
make a difference in their
community**

PYC Social Pioneers is an accelerator program for youth grades 8-12 who want to make a difference in their communities.

Social Pioneers choose issues in their communities that they are passionate about. Working with peers and facilitators, each participant uses the 16 week program to analyze the root causes of their issue, conduct research, and devise an action plan. Pioneers also develop their skills in leadership, public speaking and project planning along the way. The program culminates in the public event where participants pitch their ideas to a panel of community leaders to gain feedback and support.

The PYC Social Pioneers program is designed to give participants the skills, networks and tools necessary to become active and engaged citizens.

Our Partners

Princeton Public Library
Oratory Project

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are still seeking sponsors for the PYC Social Pioneers Program (recommended amount between \$250-\$500) to support our pioneers and their project work.

We also welcome sponsors interested in supporting our #GotCivics Nite event on April 23rd.

ABOUT PRINCETON YOUTH CIVICS

EMPOWERING YOUTH CITIZENS TO TO BE LEADERS OF POSITIVE CHANGE

**we believe every
student deserves a
civics education**

The Princeton Youth Program for Civic Engagement (“PYC”) is a non-partisan organization located in Princeton, New Jersey. We are a network of community members, students, educators and partner organizations passionate about developing the next generation of citizens and leaders.

We work to ensure all young people receive a civics education, which provides them with the knowledge, skills and disposition necessary to participate in our democracy and to become lifelong leaders of positive change. We support:

- In school civic education curriculum and activities,
- Community-based civic education programs, and
- Advocacy for policies to require inclusion of civics curriculum in all schools, with a focus on equity in education.



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Schools have an unmatched opportunity to invite students to engage. Over the last several years, civic learning has lost its prominence in the formal American education system. Students have less opportunity to develop their knowledge about our form of government, our history, and forge the skills necessary to support their engagement and develop their citizenship. As a result we are falling short in the civic development of all young Americans.

New Jersey is one of a only 10 states that still does not require civic education in our schools.

A RENEWAL OF CITIZENSHIP

Our country's founders recognized that the success of our democracy depends on dedicated people embracing citizenship. This commitment must be renewed with each generation. However, recently young citizens are turning away from civic and political participation. Young citizens' distrust in democratic institutions and fellow citizens is at an all-time high. Only 51% of eligible young people, ages 18-29, voted in the 2016 presidential election.

just 1 in 3 Americans can name all the branches of government

only 23% of 8th graders are proficient in civics

PROMOTING CIVIC EQUITY

Currently low-income communities of color have fewer and lower quality civic learning and engagement opportunities. Students in low-income schools, are 30% less likely to report having experiences with debates or

panel discussions in social studies classes. High quality civic learning opportunities are critical to ensuring that groups who are under represented in our political process gain an active voice and helping promote civic equity.

to learn more go to www.princetonyouthcivic.org

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Barack Obama*

