

IMPACT 2020: TASK FORCE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Impact 2020: Task Force for Community Engagement equips high school students with the tools and knowledge they need to become catalysts for change in their communities. Over the course of nine weekly 90-minute sessions this fall, students will network with diverse peers nationwide; hear inspiring stories from young activists on strategies and models of advocacy and activism; deepen their understanding of issues and root causes in their communities; and work together to create meaningful solutions. This program is ideal for schools who want to offer virtual opportunities for community service, experiential learning, and capstone projects.

Program Sessions

Each 90 minute session will be led by Close Up facilitators:

- **Building Community:** Meet the team and establish a learning community with young leaders from across the country.
- **Cultural Understanding:** Engage with diverse perspectives, practice civil dialogue, and expand your worldview.
- **Defining Issues:** Explore current social and political issues and form action committees on a particular issue.
- **The Art of Storytelling:** Learn how you can create change by using effective storytelling to develop your committee's narrative.
- **Raising Awareness:** Gain strategies and techniques for raising public awareness around your issue.
- **Coalition Building & Organizing:** Build a network and learn how to mobilize others around your cause.
- **Advocacy & Activism:** Explore models and strategies of activism and advocacy.
- **Develop Action Plans:** Complete and polish your committee's action plan and prepare for your presentation.
- **Shark Tank-Style Presentations:** Share your projects and what you have learned with a team of guest panelists.

Program Details

Weekly Sessions | Every Wednesday After School from October 7 – December 9, 2020

To accommodate for different time zones, Close Up is running two different sessions each week. For East Coast and Central time zones, 4:00-5:30 PM EST; for Mountain and Pacific time zones, 3:00-4:30 PM PST. No session will be held during Thanksgiving Break.

Individual Student Cost: \$475

Member Rate: \$400 per student for NNSP Members and Close Up Schools (minimum of 3 students required).

If you are interested in tailoring this program for a course or grade level, please contact us at programsupport@closeup.org to explore customized options and pricing.

About NNSP

The National Network of Schools in Partnership (NNSP) serves its members by providing implementation support, thought leadership, and advocacy. NNSP believes collaboration and partnerships are central to a strategy for improving equity in educational opportunities. NNSP thrives on the diversity of its members, which include organizations such as: public, charter and private schools; educational access and enrichment programs; and policy and education reform groups.

About Close Up

Established in 1971, Close Up is a non-profit, non-partisan civic education organization dedicated to helping students develop the knowledge and skills they need to become informed, active, and engaged citizens. Close Up's trained instructors will facilitate small group discussions and guide students through their project work. Each year, Close Up helps thousands of students and teachers across the nation engage in civil discourse and take informed action in their communities.