

ACI PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

In Grade 10 Civics classes, elective classes, and community groups, Youth Ottawa produces hundreds of student-led action plans with thousands of students each year through the Active Citizenship Initiative (ACI).

Employing diverse and experienced young social innovators from our *Amplified Fellowship*, the ACI adopts a "for-youth-by-youth" model whereby our program Facilitators support your students' development of civic action projects which address community issues which matter to them.

Below is a sample progression of key ACI activities.

TESTIMONAL

"Thanks to your ACI program, students who are normally too shy to speak in class had the confidence to share their opinions. Not only that, but other students who were so unmotivated in Careers suddenly started to participate and do the work required for their civic action project. I suspect that this will lead to a higher success rate in Civics than in Careers"

-DANIELA PETRETA

LISGAR COLLEGIATE

1. BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

ACI Intro, connecting with facilitators, identifying student strengths & interests

3. SOLUTION BUILDING

Consideration and evaluation of possible solutions, including common Civic Tactics

* 1 Class

* 1 Clas

5. PLANNING & COORDINATING

Dividing into project teams to develop a project work plan *2 Classes

6. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

"Actually doing something" about the civic issue, putting ideas into practice

* 1 Clas

* Teacher Time Committment

2. COMMUNITY ISSUE EXPLORATION

Building consensus on civic issue of shared concern, further research *1 Class

4.COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Connecting with Community Organizations working on the issue

* 1 Class

─7. REFLECTION / NEXT STEPS

Students reflecting on having become themselves "active and engaged citizens"

OUTCOMES

- > Amplification of student engagement in civic education.
- > Production and implementation of civic action plans resulting from experiential learning: "actually doing something about something!"
- Acquisition of the knowledge, skills and attitudes central to democratic citizenship.

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Email us to learn how you can bring this experience to your students!



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