YouthAction Community Leadership Course

Are you a high school student who wants to learn how to be an effective advocate for yourself, your school, and your community?

Then Join CCC’s YouthAction Community Leadership Course!

Gain the skills to advocate on behalf of yourself, your school, and your community.

Learn how to conduct hands-on research, such as public polling and site visits.

Meet with government officials to discuss your ideas for improving New York City.

Earn community service credit for school and college applications.

Strengthen your communication and public speaking skills.

The YCLC is a FREE 10-week course for high school students, which meets on Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at CCC’s office located at 14 Wall St. in Manhattan.

Every fall and spring, 25 high school students from throughout all five boroughs of New York City participate in CCC’s YouthAction Community Leadership Course (YCLC)—an after-school program for high school students interested in learning the tools of effective advocacy and how to make positive changes in their communities.

For more information contact Laura Jankstrom @212-673-1800 x 20 or ljankstrom@cccnewyork.org

“The YouthAction Community Leadership Course at Citizens’ Committee for Children was an experience that I will never forget. It changed the way I see myself and the community around me. I no longer view myself as someone insignificant to change or as someone who has no say in how my community is run. This course gave me my voice.” – YCLC graduate

Photo: YouthAction members advocating in Albany as part of the Campaign for Summer Jobs (January 2018)
Dear Applicant and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Citizens' Committee for Children is a multi-issue child advocacy organization that seeks to improve the lives of children to ensure that every child is healthy, housed, educated, and safe. YouthAction NYC engages young New Yorkers from diverse backgrounds in fact-finding and advocacy. Through participation in YouthAction NYC, young people become deeply involved in addressing the needs of children and families in New York City, capitalizing on their idealism and realizing the power of their individual and collective voices.

The YouthAction Community Leadership Course (YCLC) is offered to high schools students from all grades interested in affecting positive change in their communities. Each term, twenty-five public and private school students are immersed in the study of a particular topic where they collaboratively examine social issues of consequence.

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 hands-on research, such as public polling and site visits.
- 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 YCLC is a FREE 10-week course for high school students who attend public, private, or parochial school in New York City. This spring the YCLC begins on Monday, March 4, 2019 and concludes on Monday, May 20, 2019. Meetings are held on 10 consecutive Mondays from 4pm to 7pm, with the exception of March 25 and April 22 which are private and public school spring breaks, respectively. Participants will meet at the office of CCC, located at 14 Wall Street in Manhattan.

Site visits to programs in the city will be incorporated into the allotted time for selected sessions. There will be adult supervision at each session, while in transit, and at all activities. Dinner and snacks are provided each week. In addition to the YCLC being offered free of charge, participants may receive community service credit for their regular participation (students who miss more than 2 sessions are not eligible for community service credits). The YCLC requires commitment; participants are expected to be on time and attend all ten sessions.

For more information contact Laura Jankstrom, our YouthAction NYC Program Coordinator, at 212-673-1800 x 20 or ljankstrom@cccnewyork.org.

Sincerely,

Jennifer March  
Executive Director

Laura Jankstrom  
Director of Civic Engagement Programs
Spring 2019 Application
YouthAction NYC Community Leadership Course

After completing, please return this enrollment form along with the accompanying parent permission slip by fax to YouthAction NYC at (212) 979-5063; e-mail to ljankstrom@cccnewyork.org or; mail to CCC YouthAction NYC, 14 Wall Street, Suite 4E New York, NY 10005.

Application forms received after February 15, 2019 will not be considered for the spring term. Those admitted into the spring YCLC class will be notified by the week of February 18. For more information call our Director of Civic Engagement Programs, Laura Jankstrom, at (212) 673-1800 X 20 or visit us online at www.cccnewyork.org.

The deadline for submission is Friday, February 15th, 2019

Name: __________________________________________ Email: __________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________ Apt. # __________________________________________
City: ___________________________________ Zip: ___________________________________
Date of Birth: _____________________ Grade: ______ Gender: M / F __________
Home Phone #: ________________________ Cell Phone #: __________________________
School: ___________________________ Public or Private? ________________________

1. How did you hear about the YouthAction Community Leadership Course (circle one)?
   a) Guidance Counselor (name) ___________________________________________________________
   b) Teacher (name) ___________________________________________________________________
   c) Friend (name) ______________________________________________________________________
   d) Other (please specify) ______________________________________________________________

2. Please list the extra-curricular activities, jobs, and/or volunteer work in which you participate.
   ____________________________________________________________________________________
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   ____________________________________________________________________________________
3. YouthAction NYC uses e-mail and the Internet to contact students and share updates. Knowing whether and where you have access to the Internet will help us better serve you. Where do you have access to the Internet? How often? Will you be able to check your e-mail each week?

4. What would you like to get out of the YouthAction Community Leadership Course?

5. What do you think you can contribute to the YouthAction Community Leadership Course?

6. Have you thought about what you want to do after high school? Please describe your goals and aspirations.

7. In your opinion, what are two of the biggest challenges facing teens living in New York City today? What evidence do you see in your own life, which leads you to believe this is so?
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If you have any questions or want more information, please call Laura Jankstrom, CCC’s Program Coordinator for YouthAction NYC, at (212) 673-1800 X 20 or email: ljankstrom@cccnyc.org.

Applicant Personal Information

Name: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Address: __________________________ Apt. #: __________________________

City: __________________________ Zip: __________________________

Date of Birth: __________________________ Grade: __________________________

Home Phone #: __________________________ Cell Phone #: __________________________

Emergency Contact Information (please list 2 different people that can be contacted)

1. Name: __________________________ Relationship: __________________________

   Address: __________________________ Apt. #: __________________________
   City: __________________________ Zip: __________________________
   Phone #: __________________________ E-mail: __________________________

2. Name: __________________________ Relationship: __________________________

   Address: __________________________ Apt. #: __________________________
   City: __________________________ Zip: __________________________
   Phone: __________________________ E-mail: __________________________
Additional Personal Information

1. Please list any of your child’s medical conditions, allergies, and/or prescribed medications you would like to notify us about.

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2. Please list any classroom or outdoor activities that you request be limited for your child.

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3. Would you like to share any other relevant information about your child’s life, background, or personality, to give us a fuller picture of your child? (Optional)

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Parent/Guardian Permission (this must be filled out for an application to be complete)

I, _________________________________, give ________________________________ permission
(Print parent/Guardian name) (Print student’s name)
to participate in the Citizens’ Committee for Children of New York’s (CCC) YouthAction NYC program.
I understand that participation in the YouthAction Community Leadership Course involves commitment
and that my child is expected to attend all sessions and arrive on time (no later than 4:00pm). If
extenuating circumstances arise, either my child or I will call in advance to notify CCC of his or her
absence.

I give my child permission to travel from school to the CCC office and leave for home from either the
CCC office or from another specified location that my child has visited as part of YouthAction NYC. I
understand that there will be adult supervision at all activities, and that this permission slip covers all
site visits to community organizations. I understand that sessions end at 7:00pm.

I permit CCC to use photographs and/or video/film/audio footage in which my child is
pictured/recorded for CCC related purposes (e.g. a story in CCC’s Newsletter, CCC’s Annual Report). I
also give the student permission to speak with media representatives to discuss resources and
programs for children, youth, and families in New York City. My child’s photographs and quotes may be
used in the media (print, radio and television) for the purposes of advancing CCC’s advocacy priorities
to ensure that every child in New York City is healthy, housed, educated and safe.

_________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian                     Date