

# IMPACT 2020: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BEYOND ELECTION DAY

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



As a young person, how can you stay active, involved, and engaged after a consequential election? Which issues raised in the 2020 presidential race are most important to you? How can you continue to make a genuine impact on those issues in your community?

*IMPACT 2020: Community Engagement Beyond Election Day* is a three-day program that connects high school students from across the country who are eager to learn how they can capture the energy that this election generated in young people and inspire their peers, family, and friends to remain civically engaged. Over the course of three sessions, students will participate in a variety of virtual activities to explore their sense of purpose, hone their leadership skills, and think critically about how to continue to influence the social and political issues that matter most to them.

Each session is 90-minutes long, facilitated by Close Up Instructors, and takes place on Zoom.

**Session 1: Maintaining Momentum** – What issues inspired you to get involved? The 2020 election created unprecedented interest, personal investment, and civic engagement among young people. Students will explore the ways in which young people and the media contribute to the outcomes of elections. They will also connect with other young people from across the country who were similarly engaged in the election. Students will be able to expand their network and consider the ways in which youth can continue to be involved and make their voices heard.

**Session 2: Creating a Vision for the Future** – Who are you and what is important to you? How can you determine your sense of purpose? With this self-understanding, students will formulate a vision of themselves as empowered citizens who have the skills and ideas needed to make a difference, both in and between elections. Students will consider the types of actions that young people can take after a consequential election to continue to make their voices and priorities heard among friends, family, and decision-makers.

**Session 3: Taking Concrete Steps Toward Change** – How can you leverage your knowledge and passion to continue to make a difference? Students will engage in a “design-thinking” activity that will help them develop concrete steps for action to continue to inspire change in their own communities on the issues that matter most to them.

## Program Details

**Friday, November 20**, 6:30 – 8pm (EST) / 3:30 – 5pm (PST)

**Saturday, November 21**, 2 – 3:30pm (EST) / 11am – 12:30pm (PST)

**Sunday, November 22**, 2 – 3:30pm (EST) / 11am – 12:30pm (PST)

**Individual Student Cost:** \$175

**Member Rate:** \$150 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 [classroom@closeup.org](mailto:classroom@closeup.org) to explore customized options and pricing.*

## About Close Up & NNSP

[Close Up Foundation](#) and [National Network of Schools in Partnership](#) have partnered to offer IMPACT, a series of programs designed to help young people connect to the world around them, develop their sense of purpose, and feel empowered to make a local impact on global issues.