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CHANGEMAKERS INSTITUTE



The **2021 YMCA Changemakers Institute** is a virtual summer program available to all high school students in grades 9-12, including incoming 9th grade students and graduating seniors.

Institute participants will develop a **Changemaker Initiative** addressing an issue in their local communities as a member of one of our Changemaker Cohorts:

- Abuse & Violence Prevention
- Climate Action & Sustainability
- Education Reform & Student Voice
- Gender Equity & LGBTQ Rights
- Hunger, Homelessness, & Poverty
- Mental Health
- Physical & Sexual Health/Wellness
- Racial Equity & Justice
- Youth Employment & Workforce Readiness
- Voting Rights

By the conclusion of the Institute, students will have launched their initiatives and completed their Changemaker Certification to include on their resumes, college applications, and academic records.

The Institute will take place from **June 14th** to **August 6th** with participants working on their initiatives in a variety of virtual settings, each offering different levels of collaboration:

- **Institute Seminars** | Monday, 90 min
Each week will kick-off with an Institute Seminar on Monday afternoon for all participants with special guests, panelists, professors, public officials, policymakers, and partners.
- **Changemaker Cohorts** | Tuesday OR Wednesday, 90 min.
All participants will be assigned to a cohort (20+ students) based on your preferred area of focus during registration. Cohorts will meet on either Tuesday or Wednesday each week, and serve as a collaborative workspace and support network for participants to develop and implement their Changemaker Initiatives. If you're interested in leading a cohort, you can apply to be a captain when you register.
- **Office Hours** | Thursday, 3-5pm ET
The final virtual format each week will be our Institute Office Hours, when participants can schedule a 15-minute personal check-in with our Institute Staff and Facilitators/Specialists (as available) to discuss their Changemaker Initiatives.
- **Panel Presentations** | Final Week of Institute
The Institute culminates with participants presenting their initiatives to a panel of local, state, and national leaders.

2021 INSTITUTE CALENDAR

Week 1 • June 14-17

Week 2 • June 21-24

Holiday Break – June 25th to July 4th

Week 3 • July 5-8

Week 4 • July 12-15

Week 5 • July 19-22

Week 6 • July 26-29

Panel Presentations • Jul. 30 – Aug. 5

Certification Celebration • Aug. 6

REGISTRATION & FEES

To register, please visit our website:

www.ymcayag.org/changemakers

Registration Deadline: Sun., June 6th

If the Institute reaches capacity prior to the deadline, a waiting list will be opened for additional participants.

Students on the waiting list will be contacted if spaces become available.

Institute Fee: \$100

Need-based scholarships are available to interested participants. Please email nikkey@kymmca.org for information.