



**CIVIC  
BRIDGERS**

# BEYOND CIVICS

**Beyond Civics is a leadership program that prepares teens to bridge real-life and digital divides.**

## THE CHALLENGE

In a thriving democracy, active participation is essential – but often, this is reduced to voting. Equally vital is community engagement: participation in local initiatives that enhance quality of life and deepen social connections. Surprisingly, only 32% of Gen Z view civic engagement as a combination of both electoral and community involvement—about half the rate of their parents and grandparents ([2021 AEI report from PACE research](#)). The result is that Gen Z is tending toward extremes, with some becoming increasingly polarized while others are opting out of civic engagement altogether ([Psychology Today](#)).

## OUR SOLUTION

Beyond Civics trains teens to be bridgers: leaders who heal real-life and digital divides in service of their communities.

Our 10-week program draws on research from the fields of peacekeeping, conflict mediation, and community organizing. And, it's not a textbook approach to civics — instead, it's a hands-on, learner-driven program where students design a Community Action Initiative that leverages principles of bridge-building to solve a real-life, local problem.

## HOW IT WORKS

Civic Bridgers partners with schools, nonprofits, and public agencies and provides or trains a trainer, establishes a schedule, and provides all curriculum and materials necessary for full implementation. Each partner receives an impact report based on the responses from participants' pre- and post-surveys.

**Ready to explore partnership? Email [jill@civicbridgers.org](mailto:jill@civicbridgers.org)**