



YDJ: Youth
Discussing Justice

Join Over 750 Diverse Volunteers Working to Empower Our Youth



EYEJ drives social justice reform by empowering young people to advocate for change. YDJ: Youth Discussing Justice allows students the chance to meet regularly with trained front-end volunteers to engage on a wide variety of topics youth face that relate to diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice in a judgment-free setting. YDJ is the first step in empowering young people to advocate for change and leads to becoming a Changemaker for the better. At this time, EYEJ has served over 1,700 students through the relationships with 29 schools and 7 recreation centers in Cleveland.

Through the power of civil discourse, diverse volunteers including local community members, peers, and any one of the 750 other volunteers meet with students in a safe, trauma-informed environment that encourages honesty on difficult subjects. YDJ's front-end volunteers are trained to utilize a trauma-informed approach to meet our students where they are and encourage back and forth dialogue. YDJ front-end volunteers have then moved on to creating more social impact for their communities in the areas of voting, community development, and workforce development!



To be a volunteer please visit, eyej.org/signup
or for more information contact Katie Ross at Katie@eyej.org

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Volunteers Wanted: Training and speaker guide provided for all roles.

All volunteers must complete 1-hour training.

Topics include: Exploring Violence, Toxic Stress, Exploring Money, Conflict Resolution, Exploring Technology, Police Youth Relations, Achieving a Positive Mindset, Invest in Your Future, Civil Rights, Education, Equality, Healthy Eating, Power and Privilege, Race and Justice, Stress and Its Triggers, The Roots and Branches of Community Issues, Community Asset Mapping, Photography and the Power to Story tell

FACILITATOR

- Facilitate the discussion
- Familiar with the EYEJ mission and design YDJ
- Requires ongoing and consistent commitment to a classroom and their success
- Background check required

SPEAKER

- Spend 1 hr with 6–12th grade students discussing social justice topics and 45min with the EYEJ team for pre- and post-discussion reflection (1 hr 45min total)
- Be yourself and share relevant experiences, thoughts, stories, and expertise while engaging the students in an active discussion

COORDINATOR

- Observe the discussion and pass out necessary materials. Time keeper, take notes/quotes, and a photograph of the group.

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

PARTNERSHIPS

Your organization can join us for multiple volunteer opportunities, discuss curriculum input, and make financial contributions to the EYEJ program.

GROUPS

We offer full training to prepare your team at a time and place that works for you. Once trained, you can join us for a full community partnership day that includes an in-classroom YDJ Event followed by a team lunch to reflect on the discussion. This provides team-building and volunteering opportunities for your organization.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Our University Internship Program is an exciting way for students to partner with EYEJ (with possibilities for school credit and stipends). This 4-month long program invites you to be a YDJ Speaker or Coordinator for two events per month and participate as a Social Media Ambassador throughout the semester.