



CITIZENS' COMMITTEE for CHILDREN
OF NEW YORK INC

"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." –Coryn Colon, Spring 2012 YCLC graduate

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!

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.

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 105 E. 22nd St. in Manhattan.

When you participate in the YCLC you will:

- 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.
- Become a better leader through problem solving and critical thinking.
- Strengthen your communication and public speaking skills.
- Earn community service credit for school and college applications.
- Make lifelong friends with the diverse group of your peers in the program!

The Spring 2014 YCLC begins on March 3rd! Fill out an application today!

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



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Dear School and/or Community Leader:

Citizens' Committee for Children's (CCC) spring 2014 YouthAction NYC Community Leadership Course (YCLC) begins March 3, 2014, and I am writing to encourage you to inform your students about this unique opportunity and to identify interested applicants as soon as possible. The application deadline is February 12th, 2014.

CCC is a multi-issue child advocacy organization that seeks to ensure that every child is healthy, housed, educated, and safe. 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.

Ideal YCLC applicants are:

- High school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors;
- Passionate about long-term volunteerism and advocacy (and who may remain active within YouthAction for several semesters);
- Comfortable taking risks;
- Eager to engage others, from high school peers to community leaders;
- Excited about leadership development; and
- Interested in local government and public policy.

Please note the following important details about the spring 2014 YCLC:

- Ten sessions will be held Monday afternoons from March 3rd through May 19th.
- All sessions run from 4pm to 7pm and students are expected to arrive on time.
- **Community service credit is available for students' active and regular participation** (*students who miss more than 2 sessions are not eligible for community service credits*).
- The application deadline is Wednesday, February 12th, 2014.
- Completed enrollment forms and permission slips may be returned by fax to YouthAction NYC at (212) 979-5063; e-mail to ljankstrom@cccnewyork.org or; mail to CCC YouthAction NYC, 105 East 22nd Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10010 as soon as possible.

Attached please find four documents to print and distribute: an application and permission slip (both to be completed by the applicant and his/her parent/guardian); a letter to applicants and parent(s)/guardian(s); and a flyer. Additionally, application materials may be downloaded from CCC's website at www.cccnewyork.org. Please display the flyer and accompanying documents where they will be visible to interested applicants. Finally, you may call 212-673-1800 x 20 with any unanswered questions. I am extremely excited to meet and work with you and your students this spring and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jennifer March-Joly

Executive Director

Laura Jankstrom

YouthAction NYC Program Coordinator



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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 and 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. ***This semester's topic will be "Juvenile Justice"***.

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 3rd and concludes on Monday, May 19th. Meetings are held on 10 consecutive Mondays from 4pm to 7pm, excluding public school spring break. Participants will meet at the office of CCC, located at 105 East 22nd Street (seventh floor), at Park Avenue South 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-Joly
Executive Director

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Spring 2014 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, 105 East 22nd Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10010.

Application forms received after February 12th, 2014 will not be considered for the spring term. Those admitted into the spring YCLC class will be notified by the week of February 17th. For more information call our YouthAction NYC Coordinator, Laura Jankstrom, at (212) 673-1800 X 20 or visit us online at www.cccnewyork.org.

The deadline for submission is Wednesday, February 12th, 2014.

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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Spring 2014 Parent/Guardian Permission Slip YouthAction NYC Community Leadership Course

The YouthAction Community Leadership Course (YCLC) is a free after-school program for high school students held at the office of Citizens' Committee for Children (CCC) – 105 East 22nd Street, 7th floor, in Manhattan. The YCLC will begin on Monday, March 3rd, 2014 and will conclude on Monday, May 19th, 2014 (ten sessions in total). Each session begins at 4:00pm and ends at 7:00pm. Dinner and snacks will be provided. Students are eligible to receive community service credit for their active and regular participation. Students who miss more than 2 sessions are not eligible for community service credit. *The YCLC requires commitment; participating students are expected to be on time and attend all ten sessions.*

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@cccnewyork.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: _____



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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.

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

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)*

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 session 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