

Youth Civic Engagement Task Force



Leading with Detroit's Future First

A guidebook to YCE's mission, people, and impact.

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What is YCE?

The Youth Civic Engagement Task Force empowers young residents to take part in local government and community decision-making. Learn more about YCE's mission, vision, and purpose.

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Who We Are

A diverse group of youth, residents, and community partners working together to strengthen civic engagement and leadership in our city. Meet the people shaping the future of civic engagement.

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Explore YCE's dynamic programs and initiatives, from voter registration drives to community cleanups, all built around four focus pillars: Financial Literacy, Policy Making, Career & College Exposure, and Wellness.

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What is YCE?



Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway introduced the Youth Civic Engagement (YCE) Task Force by resolution during her first term in office. She recognized that Detroit needed to play a more active role in preparing its youth to lead, by giving them access to civic education, opportunities to participate in local government, and a platform to make their voices heard. Civic engagement means more than voting. It is about developing the knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make a real difference in the community.



YCE was created to ensure Detroit's youth, especially those who have historically faced barriers to civic participation, are empowered to become active leaders in shaping the city's future. Through workshops, volunteer opportunities, and hands-on programs, the task force equips participants to advocate for policy change, promote inclusion, and strengthen Detroit's civic life. **Our Mission:** The Youth Civic Engagement Taskforce is dedicated to equipping Detroit's young people with the tools to lead, serve, and thrive. Centered around four key pillars: Finance, Politics, Wellness, and Career & College Exposure.

Who We Are



“Our communities and our democracy become more just and equitable when all people individually and collectively get involved and take action.”

→ Executive Board

The Youth Civic Engagement Task Force, led by Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway's office, is supported by an executive board that includes educators, non-profit directors, tradespeople, and a youth advisory council consisting of current college students. This diverse mix of perspectives and experiences fosters well-rounded programming and initiatives.

→ Youth Advisory Council

The Youth Advisory Council collaborates closely with local high school student government organizations on pertinent programming, backed by the task force and mentorship opportunities.

→ High School Student Government Bodies



What We Do

Workshops & Summits

The Youth Civic Engagement Task Force provides a variety of workshops and summits focused on financial wellness, scholarship opportunities, policymaking, and mental health and wellness.

Meet & Greet Opportunities

Participants in the Youth Civic Engagement Task Force are provided with numerous opportunities throughout the school year to connect with local officials, including City Council members, State Representatives, Wayne County Commissioners, State Senators, and Congressional representatives.

Career & College Fairs

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Internship Opportunities

To provide YCE participants with practical experience, the office of Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway invites high school and college students to explore the work of the office along with Team Calloway.

Voter Registration Pop-ups

The Youth Civic Engagement Task Force, in collaboration with its partner organizations, offers on-site support for individuals eligible to vote and also preregisters those who are 16 and 17 years old.

Our Impact

350 students registered and pre-registered to vote.

60 sets of hats & gloves distributed to youth in need.

500 essential school supplies distributed, including backpacks, pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, and rulers.



11 completed summer and mid-winter internship opportunities.

20 classes were read to in celebration of National Reading Month at Pasteur Elementary, MacDowell Prep Academy, Greenfield Union, Palmer Park Prep, the School at Marygrove and Pembroke Academy.



Why Join?



**Direct engagement
with City Council**



**Professional
Headshots**



**Preference for
Internship
Opportunities**



**Explore educational
and career
opportunities in local
government**



**College/Career
Recommendations**



**Influence Detroit City
polices**



**Community Service
Hours**



**Public Speaking
Opportunities**



Get Involved

The Youth & Civic Engagement Task Force welcomes collaboration with residents, community organizations, and civic partners who share our commitment to empowering youth and strengthening civic participation across the city.

Contact Us

 Email: youthcivicengagement313@gmail.com

 Phone: Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway (313) 224-4535

If your organization has a volunteer opportunity to share, please include the relevant details in your correspondence. We value opportunities to work alongside community partners in advancing meaningful service initiatives.

Youth Advisory Council

Individuals interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Council are encouraged to submit their name and résumé or curriculum vitae. Once received, a member of our team will contact you to arrange a brief introductory meeting to discuss your interests and potential contributions.

Donations

To support the work of the Youth Civic Engagement Task Force through a financial contribution, please contact us at (313) 224-4535.

The City of Detroit is a tax-exempt municipal organization, and all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your support directly helps YCE expand programs, initiatives, and resources that foster civic engagement and youth empowerment throughout Detroit.

For updates on meetings, events, and initiatives, visit

 detroitmi.gov/government/city-council/city-council-district-2/