Build Social and Emotional Learning Skills That Support Academic and Life Success

Culturally Responsive • Literacy Rich

The only SEL program based on true stories by teens

High-quality curricula and professional development for middle and high school settings, including advisories

All programs and training can be adapted for remote learning
YC’S UNIQUE STORY-BASED APPROACH

The Youth Communication Advantage

Peer-to-Peer Connections: Youth Communication’s curricula and professional development are built around deeply engaging true stories by teens.

Engagement: Students see themselves in YC stories. Using the stories empowers educators to meet students where they are, show them their voice matters, and build positive connections within the classroom.

SEL Growth: Credible peers—the teen writers themselves—show how they use SEL to overcome challenges and achieve their goals.

The Authenticity of these stories enables teachers to facilitate meaningful social and emotional learning in ways that other SEL materials cannot replicate.

YC is a nationally recognized publisher of diverse youth voices. Since 1980, YC has pioneered bringing true stories written by real teens to middle and high school students and educators. Our curricula and two magazines, YCteen and Represent, have won more than two dozen educational publishing awards.
YC SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES

Choose one or more of our four SEL PACKAGES to meet the needs of educators at your school or agency. Talk with us about finding the right fit for your school and budget.

1. Topic-Based SEL Programs

YC provides training and books. Choose one or more of YC’s 10 award-winning curricula:

- #trending (SEL for Middle School)
- Between You and Me (Self-Management and Relationship Skills)
- Stay the Course (Decision-Making)
- Upgrade (MS to HS transition)
- In Real Life (SEL for High School)
- Real Talk (Gender Identity and Relationships)
- All In (Diversity & Advocacy)
- Level Up (HS to College Transition)
- On My Way (Career Readiness)

REACH: We can train cohorts of up to 15 staff and provide books for up to 250 students for each program. We can work with multiple cohorts.

COST: Approx. $15,000/cohort.
See more about each program on pages 4 and 5.

2. Whole School Advisory Program

YC provides training and books for weekly advisories for grades 6-12. We will work with you to build an advisory program across your grades, based on our 10 SEL programs listed at left.

REACH: We train all staff and provide books for the entire student body.

COST: $25,000 - $35,000, depending on the size of school.

3. Teacher Mindset/Professional Development Program

YC provides a series of 5 professional development sessions to develop positive mindsets among your faculty. Every session is based on true stories by students who experience challenges similar to those faced by students in your school or program. Topics include:

- Culturally Responsive Education
- Trauma-Informed Practices
- School Climate & Culture
- Gender Awareness
- LGBTQ+ youth

Supporting youth who have had experience with:

- Immigration
- Foster care
- Juvenile justice system
- Homelessness

REACH: We can train cohorts of up to 15 staff.

COST: Approx. $10,000/cohort
See more info on Teacher Mindset training on p. 6.

4. School Climate & Culture Program

YC provides everything in the Whole School Advisory Program and Teacher Mindset/Professional Development Program.

- First, YC works with your staff to implement each of the programs you choose for advisory.
- Then, we provide five additional professional development sessions to help teachers strengthen youth development and cultural competency skills that support a culture of academic success. (See topics at left.)

REACH: Entire staff and student body

COST: Approx. $40,000.

All packages can be adapted for Remote Learning

To learn more, contact: eautin-hefner@youthcomm.org
### STORIES-BASED CURRICULUM PROGRAMS

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Positive Relationships • Bullying • School Success • Peer Pressure  
See: youthcomm.org/trending |
| **Self-Management and Relationship Skills**           | 7     | Teens build meaningful relationships  
Friendships • Family • Dating • Self-Awareness • Social Awareness  
See: youthcomm.org/BetweenYouandMe |
| **Decision-Making Stay the Course**                   | 8     | Teens reflect on personal goals and decision-making  
Peer pressure • Share responsibility • Maintaining boundaries  
See: youthcomm.org/StayTheCourse |
| **Middle to High School Transition Upgrade**           | 8     | Teens transition to high school  
Creating Support Networks • Persistence • Utilizing Strengths  
See: youthcomm.org/Upgrade |

Each of our School Partnerships Packages (p.3) includes:

1. **Anthologies of True Stories by Teens**  
   Each instructor receives a set of 15 anthologies to use with students in the group, containing up to 30 teen-written stories.

2. **Comprehensive Curriculum Guide**  
   Weekly guided instruction designed to maximize your connection to students, including:  
   - Learning objectives  
   - Opening activity  
   - Read-aloud of nonfiction stories  
   - Discussion guide  
   - SEL activities  
   - Closing reflection and takeaways  
   - Assessment
### Curriculum Topic | Grade | Description
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**In Real Life**
Social and Emotional Learning  
*In Real Life* | 9 | Teens make the most of high school  
Identity • Overcoming Challenges • Planning for the Future  
See: youthcomm.org/InRealLife

**Real Talk**
Gender Identity and Relationships  
*Real Talk* | 10 | Teens examine how gender and sexual orientation impacts their behavior  
Stereotypes • Gender Identity • Relationships • Sexual harassment  
See: youthcomm.org/RealTalk

**All In**
Diversity  
*All In* | 11 | Teens advocate for themselves and others  
Celebrating Our Culture • Identity • Advocating for Change  
See: youthcomm.org/AllIn

**Level Up**
High School to College Transition  
*Level Up* | 12 | Teens transition to college and careers  
Achieving Balance • Independence • Finding the Right Fit  
See: youthcomm.org/LevelUp

**On My Way**
Career Readiness  
*On My Way* | 12 | Young people build the skills they need to get and keep jobs  
Effective Communication • Responding to Conflict • Getting Along  
See: youthcomm.org/OnMyWay

3. **Four-Part Professional Development**
   Four session PD begins with a half-day intro to YC’s unique SEL story-based approach. Three additional workshops, paced strategically through the academic year, maximize the successful development of facilitator skills.

4. **Ongoing Coaching**
   YC technical assistance and guidance is available for all of our partners over phone, video, or on-site throughout the school year.
TEACHER MINDSET/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Youth Communication stories have helped teachers connect to their students for over 40 years and build the strong teacher/student relationships that are the foundation of learning.

YC’s TEACHER MINDSET/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT sessions give adults a window into the complexity of their students’ lives. Each session centers on reading and discussing a true, teen-written story about topics relevant to the teachers’ work and the school’s goals. Session discussions invite educators to examine critical educational topics in the context of their students’ experiences. Teachers learn how to respond with compassion.

After each discussion, teachers join in carefully constructed activities to apply the lesson from the story to their work with young people—in a safe and supportive workshop environment.

At the end of each session, teachers emerge with mindsets more informed by sound educational theory and by the experiences of the young people they are teaching. They also have new tools to use immediately in their classrooms.

For a lasting impact on teachers’ mindsets and practice, we recommend three to five sessions throughout the school year.

Customized workshops give educators a deeper understanding of:

- Supportive practices that foster positive racial/ethnic and gender identity development, including culturally responsive education.
- Unique needs of youth of color and LGBTQ+ identified youth.
- Impact of immigration, systemic racism, and experience with homelessness and foster care.
- Trauma-informed practices and how to support the mental health needs of all youth.

See p.3 for packages.
JOIN THESE YC PARTNERS IN ACHIEVING STUDENT SUCCESS

Research shows increased SEL skills lead to positive outcomes:
- Higher grades
- Improved behaviors + increased engagement
- Increased ability to manage stress and life challenges

YC staff have trained educators at more than 100 schools and youth agencies. Our partners have experienced unprecedented student engagement, and—most critically, stronger, more supportive relations between students and staff.

Brooklyn Community Arts and Media High School
Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy
Brooklyn Prospect Charter School
Broome Street Academy Charter High School
Children’s Village
Children’s Home: Poughkeepsie
Clara Barton High School
Cristo Rey High School: Brooklyn
Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation
ExpandEd Schools
1199SEIU/Summer Jobs Program
Fair Futures Coaching Program
Good Shepherd Services
Harvest Collegiate High School
Homes for the Homeless
Mastery Charter Network (Philadelphia)
Mastery Charter: Thomas High School

New Dawn Charter High School
New Visions for Public Schools
Northside Charter HS
NYC Administration for Children’s Services
NYC Department of Youth and Community Development
NYC Department of Correction
NYC Department of Probation
Opportunity Charter High School
Phipps Neighborhoods
Repertory Company High School for Theatre Arts
Row New York
Seedco
The Urban Assembly School for Media Studies
WHEDCo
Workforce Professionals Training Institute
The Young Women’s Leadership School of Queens
Waltham Boys & Girls Club

“YC’s stories and lessons really get my kids’ wheels turning. I GET CHILLS listening to them ask questions and talk to each other.”

- Lori Krane, Principal and Education Director
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IN SURVEYS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS:
Youth say our stories are engaging and relatable

91% of educators report Youth Communication’s programs are more effective than other SEL programs

96% of educators report our session plans are clear and easy to use

In a study of 1,600 teens, 77% reported voluntarily reading additional stories, beyond those required in the classes.

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