

Youth
Civic
Challenge



OUR APPROACH

Civics, defined broadly, is about people working together to common ends.

We propose a fundamentally new approach to Civics education and engagement. YC2 is simple – but it is protean and can be realized in different ways, depending on community interest.

It is built on 4 fundamental principles:

- Projects that have lasting, real-world impact
- Team participation in the creation process
- Supported by Strategic thinking tools
- Connecting to like groups across the country

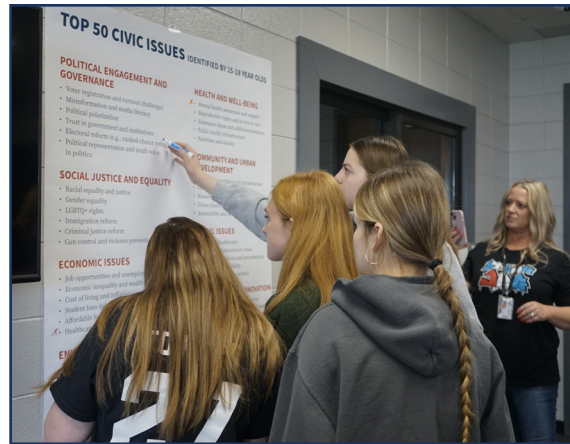
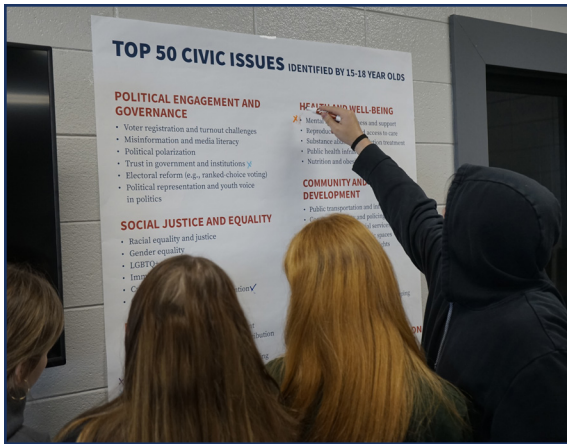
YC2 seeks to provide access to modelling frameworks that augment Generation Z and Alpha's ability to find their Civic voice and create their world by questioning preconceptions, understanding agency, and realizing how decisions affect outcomes.

Here's what the session looked like in Brookfield, MO.



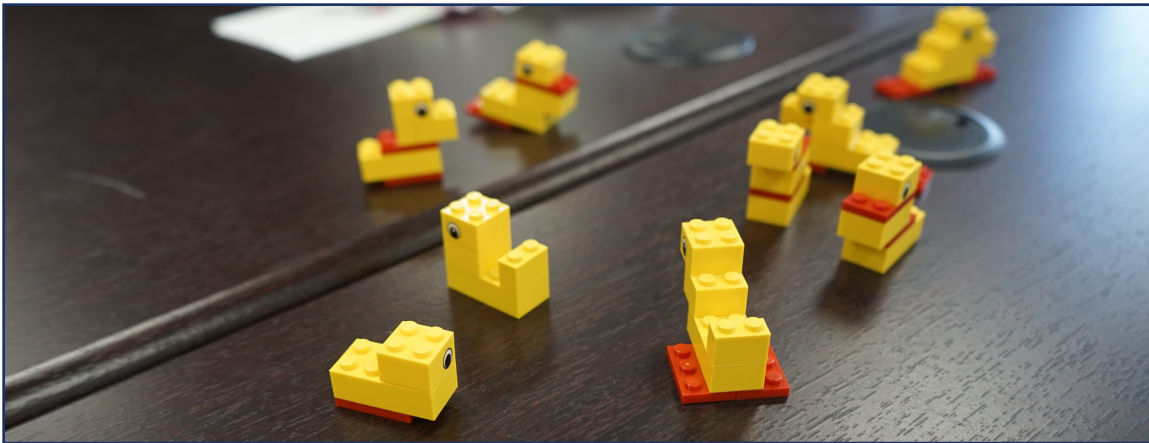
ROADMAP

First, Jerry provides an overall navigation to the twelve lenses to help our 12 participants see how and when the parts of these thinking tools fit together.



YOUTH CONCERNS

We compiled a list of the 50 top civic issues for youth. They were then asked to identify if their concern is listed, informing individual and group reflection, and raising the question: are these topics, drawn from the news and digital media, the ones that truly affect our community?



TEAMBUILDING

A simple exercise using LEGO® blocks is used to first, build individual ducks, and then, to collectively build a duck. Different skillsets and working styles emerged, that will later manifest as management, coordination, articulation, design, and presentation.



CHALLENGE SELECTION

Students create visualizations of themselves, and for the issues they see as important. Some common themes were mental health, and economic security and mobility.



ENGAGEMENT

Participants find pieces that can be incorporated into a “build” that captures what they hope to relay. The heterogeneity of the group allows for diverse societal perspectives.



CONCLUSION

William closes up the workshop with a discussion with the students of measurable objectives and skill-building.