



TEENSTAKETHECITY

What is Teens Take the City?

Teens Take the City is different from all other teen leadership programs because it is designed to give teens the tools they need to become active influences in their community. The **Teens Take the City** program teaches teens all about New York City government and gives all participants the opportunity to research and debate topics of their choosing. The subjects discussed in **Teens Take the City** will focus on issues that impact teens' everyday lives.

Meet Elected Officials

The **Teens Take the City** program offers teens an opportunity to meet influential New York City elected officials and professionals including the Mayor, Council Members, and Borough Presidents, as well as a cadre of appointed officials who manage some of the largest city agencies.

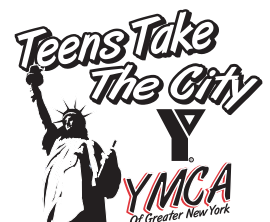
The City Hall Conference

Participants' hard work is rewarded at the end of the program when they take over City Hall for a full day of legislative debate and a conference. This City Hall Conference synthesizes several weeks of hard work for participants as they become completely immersed in the political process and the government environment.

At the Conference, students get the chance to show off what they learned and debate their opinions with fellow teens from around New York City. What's more, every year the City Hall Conference is followed by a gala for all teen participants.

See the City

The **Teens Take the City** curriculum is filled with exciting trips to landmarks and neighborhoods throughout New York City. In addition to learning about the democratic process, students will also gain a better understanding of the great history and diversity of the city through frequent field trips and educational excursions.



THINKING AHEAD

The **Teens Take the City** curriculum helps provide participants with the critical writing and speaking skills needed to succeed in high school and beyond, offering them hands-on experiences that will translate to job skills and professional know-how. The program provides the training needed to succeed as a student, activist or politician. The program structure allows students to take part at several different levels. Students may serve as a legislator, executive, or lawyer. Roles and responsibilities vary, and all are important.

The YMCA of Greater New York's **Teens Take the City** program provides teens with the opportunity to use their minds, voices and actions to make change, and how to utilize the democratic process to affect change on a local level.

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