



YOUTH IMPACT STATEMENTS

The New York State Governor's Youth Council is a youth-run, adult supported council that works to identify and prioritize issues that matter to New York State youth. The Youth Council gives a formal voice to youth; offers first-hand experience in civic engagement and education and represents the interest of youth to policymakers by assisting State and local governments to promote positive youth development throughout initiatives during their terms. Below are statements from the most recent council members about their experience:



I love having amazing opportunities to **learn new things and meet likeminded people**. I have learned so much from everyone I have worked with and being on the Council has been a good experience.



I enjoy meeting a diverse group of youth and working despite our different backgrounds. I also **enjoy the ability to speak my mind and work on things that matter to me**.



I live in a rural (and often disconnected) area, so **hearing challenges that young people in other places in the state** often face definitely have helped broaden my horizons.

I HAVE A VOICE ON ISSUES THAT EFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE, AND I CAN CONTRIBUTE IN HELPING SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS.

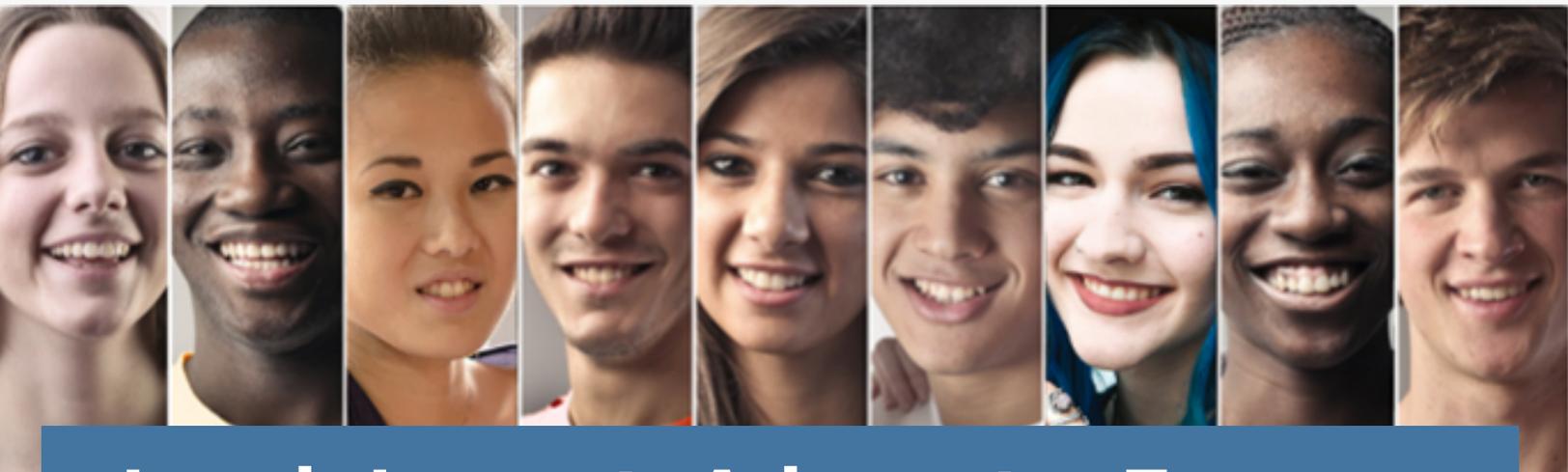
The biggest thing I enjoyed was the **engagement and opportunity to connect to NY leaders** and be able to brainstorm and bounce ideas, overall **effecting our recommendation for policy implications**.



Serving on the Youth Council has **opened my eyes to the inner workings of government and has solidified my passion to promote legal, social, and cultural change** through government after college.



I believe that the voice of teens and kids are not heard as much as they should be. We have concerns about our future, and **I love being able to express those concerns and make changes to solve them**.



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