

National Youth Leadership Council Strategic Framework

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All young people become civically informed and engaged global citizens by participating in service-learning during their formative years.

To create a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world, with young people, their schools, and communities through service-learning.

NYLC is an international leader in service-learning who serves all P-16 educators and students.

NYLC accomplishes its mission by:

- Being a leading force in the development and advancement of youth civic engagement through service-learning
- Integrating service-learning into the fabric of P-16 education
- · Engaging youth, educators, and communities, especially where educational disparities are prevalent



1. Strengthen the sustainability of P-16 service-learning in schools and organizations.

NYLC is uniquely positioned to be the world leader in the advancement of service-learning practice by providing thought leadership and advocacy, as well as driving discussions around sustainability for service-learning. The service-learning field needs a champion to lead the development of a shared vision of values and purpose.

- Increase visibility and understanding of servicelearning's impacts and outcomes
- Advocate for policies that support servicelearning
- Convene new and existing stakeholders
- Build and enhance networks within the United States and globally

2. Raise the quality of service-learning practice to increase positive outcomes for all young people and communities.

NYLC works with youth and educators, both in and out of school, on integrating service-learning as a strategy to meet learning objectives (including citizenship and 21st century skills) in order to inspire young people to change the world.

- Strengthen and advance the K-12 Service-Learning Standards for Quality Practice and other evidence-based research
- Provide innovative and equitable delivery models for training and technical assistance
- Develop and disseminate widely accessible resources
- Create and deliver high-quality programs