Youth Civic Development and Education
A Conference and Book Launch

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University of Washington Campus

This regional conference is being held to launch Youth Civic Development and Education, to commemorate the culmination of this two-year project, and to disseminate its results. This publication was developed at the Stanford Center on Adolescence and was published jointly by the Stanford Center on Adolescence and the Center for Multicultural Education.

Historically, public schools in the United States took on civic education as one of its primary missions. In the present environment, schools do not devote sufficient time and effort to civic education, nor is civic education high on the priority lists of influential policy makers. The civic goal of education is being left unfulfilled and even ignored by many of our schools because of the increasing emphasis on basic skills and high-stakes testing. This report calls upon schools throughout the nation to take greater responsibility for civic education and offers a set of guidelines for addressing the civic needs and interests of our diverse student population in the 21st century.

In this conference, several authors will provide an overview of the report, describe how and why it was developed, and explain ways in which schools and teacher education programs can implement robust and effective civic education programs in our multicultural nation and world.

Conference Speakers

Eric Liu
Author, educator, and founder and CEO of Citizen University

William Damon
Professor of Education and Director of the Adolescence Center, Stanford University

Lance Bennett
Professor of Political Science & Ruddick C. Lawrence Professor of Communications and Director, Center for Communication and Civic Engagement, UW

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