Civics Day NJ

STATEWIDE DAY OF ACTION

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Nearby dates welcome

LET'S DO CIVICS TOGETHER OCTOBER 27

Already doing civic work? Reframe it and tag it as part of Civics Day NJ. Starting from scratch? Pick an idea below and make it your own. Any **nonpartisan** activity that helps people engage with or improve their community counts.

GUIDING QUESTION How does this activity help young people engage with or improve their community?

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

The 60-Minute Bill: draft a mock bill on a local issue and present it to a mock committee.

Meet the Council: a casual Q&A with a local official, driven by student questions.

Voter engagement: nonpartisan registration drives, mock elections, or make-a-plan-to-vote stations.

MEDIA LITERACY

Local News Fact-Check: compare three outlets covering the same State House bill.

The Algorithm Audit: explore how social feeds create echo chambers.

Youth podcast or newspaper: young people report on issues in their own community.

THE ARTS

Community Issue Posters: design posters raising awareness of a local issue.

Living Mural: a chalk mural where neighbors share what freedom looks like to them.

Civic Slam: spoken word and poetry about community needs.

LOCAL HISTORY

Hidden History Tour: a walk or slideshow on local sites tied to underrecognized communities.

Monument Re-Imagining: redesign a local statue to reflect today's community.

Oral history: record elders' stories of civic life in your town.

SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Civic Care Packages: assemble mutual aid kits for neighbors in need.

Letter-Writing Station: stamps, envelopes and addresses for writing to local officials.

Service project: a park cleanup or drive, paired with a talk about why it matters.

DIALOGUE & STORYTELLING

Deliberative dialogue: small groups weigh options on a local issue and look for common ground.

Community forum: a moderated, nonpartisan discussion of a local question.

Story circle: residents share a moment they made a difference.

Ready to take part?

1. Choose an idea, or reframe something you already do. **2.** Submit the Civics Day NJ Participation Form so we can list and promote your activity. **3.** Share it on social media with **#CivicsDayNJ**.

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