

Student Action Summit 2021 Workshops!

Workshop Name	Presenter	Description
Being your own 'Rock'	Nassir Durham	As high schoolers, we all have gone through struggles while being virtual – to combat this we must look out for ourselves. During the time of COVID-19, students have been faced with disappointment, long classes, and hard assignments. As a result, students have been twice as hard on themselves because of the idea that there’s ‘nothing else to do’ and that school should be the main priority. But, this is much harder than it sounds, even getting onto the computer can be a struggle. In this workshop you will learn the benefits of being your own rock.
Socioeconomic Privilege in a Pandemic	Alexa Cohen	How has the Coronavirus pandemic shifted and exacerbated economic divides and inequities in our nation? We will discuss how the issue has manifested in local communities and on a broader scale, along with what can be done to solve this issue.
Life Resettled	Lydia Kabiri	Imagine having to flee your home country due to fear of persecution, violence, or human rights violations. You are forced to seek refuge in unfamiliar territory, and a future deemed uncertain. This is the reality for nearly 80 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. with approximately 30 new individuals displaced every minute. As a daughter of immigrants and a member of the Life Resettled Track of the GDS Policy Institute 2020, I had the chance to speak with professionals and individuals who experienced displacement first-hand.

		This workshop is focused on learning about the deeply rooted problems of this highly politicized and prevalent issue among the media. Together we can learn more about the issues and policies surrounding displacement and take part in activities that can support refugees and displaced persons.
Religious Freedom and Democracy	Alexa Cohen	In this workshop, we will discuss how the constitutional idea of religious freedom has been interpreted by the left and the right in recent years, and how that has or will affect the strength of our democracy.
Public Speaking for Political Causes	Lillian McKeever	This workshop will cover the ways that young people can use their voices for political causes.
Stay on Track: Helping Teens Who are First-Time Offenders	Nico Biabani	Teens need our help. Many teens get into trouble for petty crimes such as vandalizing or shoplifting. They go to teen-court and face a consequence, but once they're done with their sentence, many do not have a support system and often start to feel bad about themselves. I want to help these teens feel connected to their communities. Can you help me think of creative ways to help them?
Fighting Fast Fashion!	Eti Prophete	Calling all fashion enthusiasts! Why bother buying brand new clothes when you can create brand new trendy pieces from the clothes you already have? In this workshop we are going to have an open discussion about fast fashion. Plus, you can learn tips on thrifting and some easy ways to alter clothes.
Collaboration for Development	Kabika Like	Change starts with individuals. Let's look at ways of bridging the gap of the lack of productivity by creating networks that foster real time change.

		In this workshop we will answer the question of how to take realistic action and change the world.
Mastering the Art of Public Speaking and Communication	Olly Moonga	Have you ever had an idea but you cannot properly express it to people? Have you ever stumbled with words trying to explain yourself during conversations? Have you ever wondered how some people are more interesting compared to others? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, then this workshop is for you. Enroll to become a confident, skilled, comfortable, speaker and communicator. This workshop introduces participants to the basics of public speaking and communication. Then, smoothly guides participants on how they can influence action through public speaking and communication. Participants will learn the power of storytelling as an element to foster social change and master public speaking as a whole body affair. Apart from that, by the end of the program, participants will have also discovered their speaking niche. Public speaking and communication skills are a must have in today's world!
Using Your Voice in Speech and Debate	Kailen Hargenrader	Speech and debate are necessary skills to express your opinions and use your voice. Learn how to construct arguments and respond to your opposition. Then, take a stance on a current controversial topic and debate with others in the workshop. The goal is not only to prove your point, but also to see the points of others.
Communicating Compassion - Empathy Training	Jena Le	In this workshop, participants will learn the importance of empathy and techniques to listen better and communicate with more compassion to



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