Youth Councils That Work: Building California's Next Generation of Leaders

How to build successful youth councils with **high schools**

Introductions of chairs
- Charlotte Dodson SF - founding youth council chair
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How YC's got started: Recruitment
- Found members by working with Youth Advisory Committees that are connected to local City Council
- Ran voter registration drives with LWVUS
- Targeted SF youth commission, USF Votes and social media
- Got connected with local schools - do we have contacts at local high schools?
- Reached out to your local social networks (friends and family)
- Used Google forms for onboarding/application - create an ongoing process

What are YC's working on?
- Candidate forums
- Tabling events
- Youth council is very tied into our Voter Services Committee and actions
- Suggest using library venues to present to the public about immigration, voting, government, citizenship, etc.
- Teaching youth about government to get them engaged
- How to keep busy students engaged? Sharing podcasts, interviewing local leaders, short term projects keep students in engaged ie moderate debates, candidate debates, etc.
- Provide something useful that they can add to their college applications