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NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL LAUNCHES INTERNATIONAL YOUTH4EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

#Youth4Ed Campaign Works to End Educational Inequity

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Youth Leadership Council®, a nonprofit organization based in St. Paul, Minn., is pleased to announce Youth4Education, a youth-driven, international campaign to end educational inequity. #Youth4Ed works to raise awareness about the Achievement Gap – a disparity of educational access between groups separated by ethnicity, race, gender, and socioeconomic status – and to advocate for young people to take an active role in their education, utilizing service-learning as the means to deliver change in their community and beyond.

“Educational equity is important because when students do not have equal access to top-quality education it is like asking all students to finish a race at the same time though some begin a mile behind others,” said Sarah Gunderson, a member of the National Youth Leadership Council’s Youth Advisory Council.

In the United States alone, 1.2 million youth will drop out of school this year. That is one dropout every twenty-six seconds. Their chances of living a life in poverty will more than double when they make the decision to drop out. With generous support from State Farm®, Youth4Education provides a platform for every young person to share their ideas, their passion, and their commitment to educational equity. As the primary stakeholders in the quality of their own education, it is time to give students a voice in it.

“Youth voice can inspire our generation to become active players in their own lives,” said Youth Advisory Council Member Isaiah Lewis. “It transforms inaction into action, and inspires our generation to be active in their communities and schools when they feel they are capable of affecting change.”

Learn more and take the pledge at Youth4Education.org. Support the right for all young people to have access to an equitable education.

Share your stories and your inspiration on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the #Youth4Ed hashtag.

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At the National Youth Leadership Council, we strive for a world where all young people are valued and called on to lead. With passion, creativity, and ingenuity, young people can address world issues while strengthening academic and learning outcomes through service-learning. To that end, we provide programs and services that **develop** young leaders, **support** educators, and **advance** the field of service-learning. Visit www.nylc.org to learn more about NYLC and service-learning.