

Which YLCs have the RCWS already set up?

The RCWS is currently working with two NY City schools:

- The High School of Economics and Finance.
- Stuyvesant High School.



At the High School of Economics and Finance, RCWS is working closely with the WISE Institute (Working in Support of Education) to kick-start the YLC initiative in the fall of 2013. WISE is an educational non-profit dedicated to strengthening financial literacy and preparing youth for college and workplace

Where can I get more information?

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Youth Leadership Council (YLC)



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What are the YLC Initiatives?

The YLC project is an initiative started by the Rotary Club of Wall Street (RCWS) in early 2013. It consists of the RCWS partnering with New York City high schools to create Youth Leadership Councils in those schools. The ultimate goal would be for other Rotary Clubs to adopt the model pioneered by the RCWS and to create Youth Leadership Councils in high schools within their respective communities. The initiative falls under the RI 'Basic Education and Literacy' Avenue of Services.



What are the Objectives of the Youth Leadership Council?

The objectives of YLCs are to identify representatives from within the student body who, through their example and leadership, will serve as positive role models for their respective peers with the ultimate goals of:

- Character education.
- Creation of a bullying-free environment.
- Reducing acts of violence.
- Reducing the use of substance abuse.
- Providing complementary educational opportunities.
- Creating links between the schools and the respective business communities.

What are some examples of student projects?

Examples of student projects that the RCWS is currently working on with its two partner high schools are:

- Defining the set of values to which students want to adhere to and that they want the school to be known for;
- Creation of an anti-bullying program;
- Career lunch time learning;
- Weekly professional seminars (1hour) delivered to students by RCWS members and the WISE Institute on a variety of subjects;
- RCWS sponsored participation of students in the Model United Nations;
- The Interact Club and partnering with students for community service projects;
- A Cleaner and Greener program (environmental issues of our time);
- Diversity training;
- Reduce and eliminate the negative impact of peer pressure;
- Initiating special faculty clubs (e.g. Math Club, Computer Science Club, etc.).



How do you initiate a YLC?

The process is relatively straight forward:

The first step is to create a proposal and reach out to the Principal of the high school; introduce the initiative; and seek formal agreement, including support from faculty members.

The second step is to present the YLC initiative to the student body; to adopt a charter for the school's YLC; and to identify and select the initial YLC student members.

RC members initially attend and monitor the YLC meetings in order to provide guidance.

Some RC funding is needed to market the activities of the YLC within the school; purchase supplies; assist YLC meetings; and support initial projects. Over time, the YLC is expected to raise its own funds through student projects. Corporate partners and sponsors may also be sought.



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