

**“IF I CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

**IN MY
COMMUNITY,**

THEN MY

COMMUNITY

CAN MAKE A

DIFFERENCE IN

THE WORLD.”

- Michaella Pontacoloni,
ANYTOWN '10

What the delegates said:



“At ANYTOWN, it was easy to teach yourself and live by a way of thinking that is more accepting, moral, and truthful.”

- Demitria Estrada

“Being surrounded by people who all understand each other is an indescribable unifying and bonding feeling.”

- Emma Murray



“Day by day I am growing stronger to stay true to who I am and make myself uncomfortable to make someone else feel comfortable.”

- Marco Aurelien

“I want to change the cruel world out there. I feel bold and powerful to do so now.”

- Sydney Levin-Epstein



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SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY
BUILDING
AND LEADERSHIP
EXPERIENCE FOR
HIGH SCHOOL
AGE YOUTH WHO
WANT TO CHANGE
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What is ANYTOWN?

Camp ANYTOWN is a nationally recognized and award winning diversity, leadership, and social justice program for youth ages 14-18. Founded in 1957, ANYTOWN is designed to educate, liberate, and empower youth participants (delegates) to become effective, responsible leaders and community builders. For six days, a diverse group of 60 high school students come together to build a community based on respect, understanding, and inclusivity.

Through fun and engaging workshops, Delegates along with 25 staff members explore the thoughts, opinions and experiences we all share on topics like bias, bigotry, oppression, and social change. Through this dialogue, the Delegates are taken on an inspiring journey to create a model for an ideal community in which members move beyond tolerating each others differences to celebrating them. It is the goal of ANYTOWN to equip young leaders with the knowledge and skills to transform their home communities into places where individual differences are seen as positive tools that bring people together instead of keeping them apart.



Where is ANYTOWN?

ANYTOWN is located on the beautiful camp site of Camp Becket-Chimney Corners in Becket, Massachusetts. On over 1400 acres of woodland in Berkshires of Massachusetts, ANYTOWN delegates come to build a community that is free of bias and bigotry. Delegates are housed in same-gender cabins staffed by two counselors.



Why ANYTOWN?

- “ANYTOWN was a life-changing experience, after having gone to it, I became a different person, a more inspired and enlightened person.”
- “I have made friends at ANYTOWN that I will keep for a lifetime.”
- “By the end of the week, ANYTOWN became my ideal community... my family.”
- “ANYTOWN was the most unique and empowering learning experience of my life.”
- “I haven’t been everywhere in my life, but ANYTOWN took me to different places with the stories told and the experiences shared.”
- “ANYTOWN gave me the courage to voice my opinions and help stop the injustice I saw every day around me.”

Benefits of ANYTOWN?

ANYTOWN Delegates will:

- Have an opportunity to express themselves and share their individual experiences.
- Meet, talk, and play with a VERY diverse group of youth from Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.
- Learn how to have a positive view of self and others.
- Learn to understand and appreciate individual differences.
- Improve leadership, communication, peace-building, and conflict resolution skills.
- Enhance trust, respect, and understanding of diverse peoples and experiences.
- Learn about social justice and how to make change in their schools and communities.
- Be listened to and more importantly, *be heard*.
- Make **true** friends in a short time.

Who Should Apply?

- Youth age 14 to 18 currently living in Connecticut or Western Massachusetts.
- Youth who are leaders in their schools or want to know how to become a leader.
- Youth who want to work to create an inclusive, just, and accepting community.
- Youth who are interested in exploring their own social identities and biases.
- Youth interested in developing skills in activism and leadership.

TO DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION LOG ONTO: WWW.NCCJ.ORG

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Deadline: June 1st, 2012



How much does it Cost?

The cost of ANYTOWN is \$500. There is a \$25.00 registration fee that will be applied to the \$500 tuition. While the full cost of ANYTOWN is \$1,500 per delegate, the NCCJ covers much of the cost through grant funding and other contributions.

Full and partial scholarships are available. All interested teens should apply regardless of financial situation!

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