

MLK TEEN PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SUMMIT 2019

Student Responses

What are some steps you can take to improve race relations personally, in your school community, or your nation?

Speak up for what is overlooked

Talk to your friends about racial issues

If you see something, say something

Actually talk about it in class

Think before you speak

Let your voice be heard against racist comments

Give an explanation

Don't be a bystander/Be a mediator

Take action, speak up, find trusted adult

Speak to trusted adults

Communication

Speak up for yourself

Call it out

Speak the truth

Tell someone who some power to change/address it

Educate yourself

Diversity training

Educate elementary school students – start a student-led club in high school that goes to the elementary schools

Educate those with racist views

Exposure to different cultures

Watch the news (variety) – independent from your own opinions

Peer to peer education

Teach educators and parents on issues

Educating ignorance

Educate yourself and everyone around you (Don't believe everything you see in the media)

Anti-bullying programs that include 'isms'

Learn other history at a young age

Keeping the story relevant

Schools allow time to talk about these issues

Develop programs and clubs. Ex: diversity, kindness, heritage

Change school curriculum (diverse)

Diversity-enhanced extracurricular clubs

More in-school dialogue and speakers

Start the conversations in schools

Make all-inclusive clubs

Have counselors, including minority counselors, who will openly discuss serious issues

Guest speakers from/about minority issues

Start a group

Expanding world language programs

More school events

More integration

Diversity club/safe space/honor board – concerns can be voiced to students/faculty

Increase days for cultural awareness to decrease micro-aggression

Supporting = affirming

Listen to others

Keep an open mind and heart

Don't just listen, hear

Listen to people that are different from you

Listen to other opinions

Respect everyone's differences.

Be aware of how racial/offensive language affects someone

Ask questions.

Less reaction, more positive interaction

Learn how racial comments affect someone

Judge individual character, not stereotypes

Don't judge based on stereotypes

Spread love, kindness

Sympathize with others

Promote sympathy and compassion

Don't make assumptions

Not judging others based on race or disabilities

Don't judge a person by their appearance, rather by the way they present themselves

Show empathy

Be respectful

Open-mindedness

Embrace diversity

Inform people of their actions

Social Media

Culturally aware

Stand up for yourself and others

Understand it's wrong, don't ignore it

Reach out to others if you sense something wrong

Take it slow (national)

Inclusion

Starve them of attention

Mentally prepare

Don't justify hateful actions

Vote

Honesty

Strength in numbers

Support the target

Don't attack

Have an open perspective
Understand it, don't excuse it
Be strong in your opinions
Talk to people
Rewire how you think
Enforce laws
Change laws
Bond on similarities – shifting culture- kindness mission
Standing up for issues that matter- being judged for doing good
Let your actions be stronger than your words
Acknowledge other's differences
More diversity (school, work, etc.)
Confidence
Be active, be engaged
Start a discussion
Make new friends
Be accepting
Positive thoughts
Address problems
Consequence for the behavior
Everything is built on racism