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