

# EMPOWERED

## HOW (YOU)TH CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### HOMELESSNESS

Every year, an estimated 4.2 million youth and young adults experience homelessness\*. Youth can directly impact their peers and become informed and compassionate citizens by engaging in activism around homelessness.



### CLIMATE CHANGE

Civic education on climate change is crucial. It promotes sustainable policies, helps secure a habitable planet for future generations, and tackles environmental injustices. This empowers young individuals to become environmental guardians.

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Youth civic education on criminal justice reform can help those to understand systemic injustices, advocate for fairness and equality, and recognize the broader societal implications. It can also foster empathy and compassion towards those affected by the criminal justice system.



### EDUCATION REFORM

Education reform enhances curriculum, pays teachers better, fosters community partnerships, and leverages technology to empower young people to be informed, engaged citizens who can contribute to their communities and beyond.

## HOW (YOU) CAN HELP



- Volunteer at shelters, donate, join forums and campaigns, and support homeless task forces.
- Get involved in social movements at the local, national, and global levels to urge governments and businesses to take action.
- Participate in mock trial competitions to improve legal literacy, knowledge of the law, critical thinking, and oral advocacy skills.
- Get informed, write to officials, start a social media campaign, give back to the community, sign a petition, attend a march, volunteer for a political campaign, or run for office at school/college.

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## REGISTER TO VOTE

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN OREGON:



**A U.S. CITIZEN**



**A RESIDENT OF OREGON**



**AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD**

(IF YOU ARE NOT YET 18 YEARS OF AGE, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT UNTIL AN ELECTION OCCURS ON OR AFTER YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY.)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO VOTE:



**OREGON DRIVER'S LICENSE**



**PERMIT**



**ID CARD**



### RESOURCES

[ncsl.org](http://ncsl.org)  
[endhomelessness.org](http://endhomelessness.org)  
[climate.nasa.gov](http://climate.nasa.gov)  
[themarshallproject.org](http://themarshallproject.org)  
[socialstudies.org/standards](http://socialstudies.org/standards)  
[closeup.org](http://closeup.org)  
[Politifact.com](http://Politifact.com)  
[Rockthevote.org](http://Rockthevote.org)  
[sos.oregon.gov](http://sos.oregon.gov)



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