I ChangeMyCity Challenge: Action for Civic Change

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

What is the IChangeMyCity Challenge?

The IChangeMyCity challenge is a platform for students to showcase their initiatives on Active Citizenship. Students in teams of 1-5, choose a civic or any other issue that affects them, their school or community at large, and work on addressing the issue and come up with practical and sustainable solutions for the same. Ideally, this would also involve the students meeting a local authority/agency for support on addressing the issue for a solution.

What will be the learnings from the Challenge?

This practical exposure strengthens critical thinking, team work, communication skills & self-confidence - while getting the students to participate & engage on issues that impact their quality of life.

What is the theme for the Challenge?

You can choose either a civic issue (garbage/potholes/streetlights/bus shelter/footpath/traffic/bad roads) or any other issue that affects you, your school or your neighbourhood. Examples of other issues that you could work on could be conservation of green spaces/lakes, rain water harvesting, disability, health and education.

Who is eligible to participate in the challenge?

Students of Class VII to XII from any school any city across the country.

What should the students' team size be?

You can form a team of 1-5 students with your classmates/friends. You would also be required to choose a team captain.

What is the registration process?

Log onto www.ichangemycity.com/challenge to register your group for the Challenge. In the registration process, you would need to mention the name of the team captain and the other members. Mobile number of one of the team members also needs to be provided.

What are the registration timelines?

You can register yourself between 1st August 2017-15th December 2017.

What are the steps involved in the project activity/how do I conduct the project activity?

Please go through the Project Guidelines & the videos to understand how to go about the project activity.

Who will support me/guide me on the project activity?

You can take the support of your school teacher(s)/parents/family etc for completion of the project activity as well as submission of your project work.

What will be the role of the school (principal/teacher) in the challenge?

The role of the school will be to encourage the students to take part in the challenge by communicating the benefits and learnings of it. They would also contribute in explaining to the students the process of conducting the activity and guide them to submit the project work.

What will be the role of the parents in the challenge?

The role of the parents will be to motivate the students to take part in the challenge by communicating the benefits and learnings from it. They would also tell the students to inform the school about the challenge. Moreover, they would guide them with the project activity.

How can I get more information on the Challenge?

Log onto www.ichangemycity.com/challenge and go through the guidelines & the videos for more information on the challenge.

You can also write to us at balajana@janaagraha.org or call the Bala Janaagraha Team @080 4079 0400 for any clarifications.

What are the submission timelines?

Projects can be submitted starting 01 August 2017; the last date for submission of your project work is 15th December, 2017.

How can I submit my project work?

You can make submissions, both online & offline.

You can download the submission template from www.ichangemycity.com/challenge

In case, access to online submission is not available or if your submission is in any language other than English, you can send us the hard copy of the project details to:
Bala Janaagraha Programme
Janaagraha Center for Citizenship & Democracy

UNI Building, 4th Floor, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru 560052

What happens after the submission of the Project work?

All participants would be awarded a Certificate of Active Citizenship.

Additionally, all submissions received would be evaluated by an independent Jury. Based on the evaluations, a select number of submissions would be invited to participate at a Civic Event planned to be held in Bangalore in Jan/Feb 2018. Participants who make it to the Civic Event would be recognized and rewarded for their work.