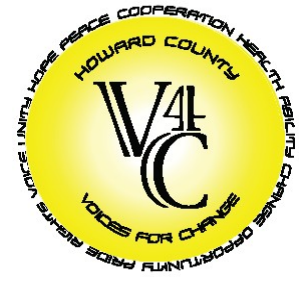


# Voices for Change Youth Coalition



## Mission Statement

**Voices for Change, a diverse group of youth and adults, empowers young people to take action and create positive change in Howard County.**

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Voices for Change works on issues that affect youth and is responsible for the annual, county-wide Youth Summit. Students identify issues they will be working on throughout the year with the support of adults from many youth serving organizations (please see the list below). All Howard County youth are encouraged to get involved. If you are a student (or know a student) who is interested in making Howard County a better place for youth, in having your voice heard, and developing new skills and interests, the Voices for Change Youth Coalition is for you!

**V4C Sponsoring Organizations** - Organizations that provide in-kind or financial support. (\* Indicates adult advisors from this organization)

- Columbia Association \*
- Horizon Foundation
- HC Department of Citizen Services\*
- HC Recreation and Parks\*
- HC Library\*
- HC Public School System\*

**V4C Partners** (\* Indicates adult advisors from this organization)

- Glenelg Country School\*

Visit our website for details:  
<http://hcyouth.org>

Find us on Facebook:  
**Voices for Change: V4C**

## V4C Youth Summit 2012-Issues

On March 8, 2012 the annual Youth Summit will be held at the Bridgeway Community Church. In attendance will be representatives from each high school and 8th graders from participating middle schools. This event is produced and run by V4C students. Issues discussed will be:

**Friendship Issues** - Adult mentor-Vanita Leatherwood (Domestic Violence Center)-Cyber Bullying; Dating Dangers-"Controlling Relationships" (V4C adult contact-Meg Mekelburg)

**Driving Distracted** - Adult mentor-PFC Neil White (Police Dept. Contact) -Educate students about the dangers of driving while texting, talking on a cell phone, and other distractions. (V4C adult contact-Holly Harden)

**Go Green - Recycling Options** - Adult mentor -Alisha Moore (County Recycling Program) -Look at options for increasing recycling around the county and other green projects. (V4C adult contact-Holly Harden)

**County Council Legislative Group**- Council Members and their Assistants - (V4C adult contact-Meg Mekelburg)

**Mark your calendar, Meetings are twice a month Tues., 5:00-7:00pm (dinner provided) HC Rec & Parks**

7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia MD 21046

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 (General Meeting)  
Tuesday, September 20, 2011 (Issues)  
Tuesday, October 11, 2011 (General Meeting)  
Tuesday, October 25, 2011 (Issues)  
Tuesday, November 8, 2011 (General Meeting)  
Tuesday, November 29, 2011 (Issues)  
Tuesday, December 13, 2011 (Website Meeting) **Central Library**  
Tuesday, January 24, 2012 (Issues)  
Tuesday, February 7, 2012 (Youth Summit Planning)  
Tuesday, February 28, 2012 (Youth Summit Planning)  
Tuesday, March 6, 2012 (3:00 **Bridgeway Church**)  
Youth Summit- Thursday, March 8, 2012 (7:30am **Bridgeway Church**)  
Tuesday, March 13, 2012 (General Meeting)  
Tuesday, March 27, 2012 (Issues)  
Tuesday, April 10, 2012 (General Meeting)  
Tuesday, April 24, 2012 (Issues)  
Tuesday, May 8, 2012 (General Meeting)  
Tuesday, May 22, 2012 (End of Year Celebration)

## **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINE**

*General Student Membership is limited to:*  
Howard County high school students [i.e. public, private, and/or home schools]  
Howard County 8th grade students [i.e. public, private, and/or home schools]

Any student in good standing with their high school or middle school will be eligible for general student membership.

Active membership is defined as follows: To be an active member, one must participate in at least sixty percent (60%) of total meetings throughout the year.