Fighting bigotry one history lesson at a time.

Facing History and Ourselves is an international educational organization that reaches millions of students worldwide every year. Using the lessons of history — and history in the making— Facing History equips teachers to provide students with the skills to think critically and wrestle with difficult issues. Teachers work closely with students to make personal connections between the past and their present. Our rigorous curriculum sparks students desire to look beyond themselves and participate in the broader world. Facing History is creating future generations of engaged, informed and responsible decision makers who, when faced with injustice, misinformation, and bigotry, will stand up for justice, truth, and equality. We transform required lessons in history into inspired lessons in humanity to empower youth who will change the world for the better.

Partnership with Chicago Public Schools

In the fall of 2018, Facing History and Ourselves will embark on an unprecedented, district-wide partnership with Chicago Public Schools. The Partnership with The Curriculum Project will bring Facing History’s core units on the Civil Rights Movement, the Holocaust, and the Reconstruction Era to all 8th, 9th and 10th grade classrooms, reaching more than 150,000 students. This Partnership will transform the way that the young people of Chicago understand their role in history and civil society.

Our Reach in the Chicagoland Area

Facing History has provided over 8,200 Chicago area educators with our programs and services. The Chicago office has trained teachers representing over 1,000 public, private and parochial schools.
Our Impact

- Students display greater empathy and respect for diverse backgrounds and viewpoints, and improved critical thinking and historical understanding.
- Educators experience higher job satisfaction and show increased confidence in their teaching.
- Schools foster more inclusive, engaged and respectful learning communities.
- 140+ studies prove Facing History has a positive impact.

94% of Facing History students are more likely than other students to report that their class motivated them to learn

93% of Facing History students were more likely to recognize the dangers of racial or religious stereotyping

83% of Facing History students were more likely to help if they see someone bullied

69% of Facing History students are more likely to report that it is their responsibility to be actively involved

Where we work

Facing History is making a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of teachers and millions of students in all 50 U.S. states and in over 110 countries worldwide.

We have regional offices in:

- Boston, MA  Chicago, IL
- Cleveland, OH  London, UK
- Toronto, CAN  Los Angeles, CA
- Memphis, TN  New York, NY
- San Francisco, CA

Learn more about our impact at: facinghistory.org/impact

99% of teachers who have participated in a Facing History seminar say they would recommend it to their peers

70,000 teachers around the world are in the Facing History Network

7 million students worldwide are reached each year by Facing History-trained educators

Learn more about Facing History’s work in Chicago!

- Attend one of our learning events/programs
- Talk to a Chicago team member at 312-726-4500
- Introduce us to a teacher, school, friend or colleague
- Make a donation to support Facing History