We combat bigotry, hatred, and antisemitism through education.

Facing History equips middle and high school educators and youth with the skills to wrestle with today’s difficult issues through the lens of history.

Students are challenged to make personal connections between the past and their present, between others and themselves. We started this innovative approach 40 years ago and the need is still urgent today.

We are creating future generations of engaged, informed, and responsible decision makers, who when faced with injustice, misinformation, and bigotry, will pave the way to justice, truth, and equality.

Facing History is an international organization with nine regional offices: Brookline, MA (headquarters), Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Memphis, New York, San Francisco, Toronto, and London. We reach over 48k teachers around the world in the Facing History Network and over 4.8 million students are impacted annually by Facing History-trained educators.

Why we do it

Division has come to characterize the 21st Century. Our society seems polarized—fractured along lines of race, religion, and politics—us versus them. Young people grapple with these complex issues everyday. We can empower youth to make compassionate choices and become better informed and engaged leaders of tomorrow.

What we do

We equip teachers with strategies that help young people wrestle with current events and difficult issues through the lens of history. Using the lessons learned from pivotal moments in world history such as the Holocaust, or the American civil rights movement, teachers work closely with students to examine complex themes like identity, discrimination, and belonging. Youth are challenged to make connections between the past and their present. This safe space and rigorous curriculum enables students to lean into the discomfort, dig deep into their own beliefs and understand the impact of choices in their daily lives.

“Facing History has taught me to spot areas for change, and whatever career I choose, I will take that message with me.”
—NIA HUGGINS, FACING HISTORY STUDENT

Facing History provides 10,000 New York area educators with our programs and services.

The New York office has trained teachers representing 1,400 schools.

An estimated 650,000 students are reached by these educators each year.

Facing History teachers do not simply teach historical dates and facts—they ask students to consider the role of the individual throughout history.
Help us pave the way

You can help us prepare students to make positive choices and change their communities for the better.

Today’s world is fraught with political and social tensions that can be confusing. We depend on the generosity of individuals, foundations, and corporations to fund the critical programs, resources, and training that empowers teachers to help students make positive, informed choices. Join us to help students make sense of the world around them so they can build a better tomorrow.

We can’t do it without you. Here’s how you can get involved.

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"Facing History is a game-changer—transforming lives by empowering the ‘forward brigade’ of young leaders to embrace the strengths diversity brings & promote the opportunities respectful dialogue supports."

—FACING HISTORY EDUCATOR