

Dear teacher,

I'm reaching out from PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs (SRL) to see if you are interested in connecting your students to our network of over 130 schools around the country. SRL gives teens the opportunity to tell important community stories to a national audience. The attached flyer explains the program and what we offer. Our [SRL roadmap](#) gives you an idea of what the typical year looks like. Many teachers combine Student Reporting Labs with a journalism class, daily or weekly broadcast or a film/media making class. The cost is free, the time commitment is substantial and the payoff is tremendous. Each Lab is assigned a SRL program manager who will help coach students to produce a minimum of two videos per year on carefully-selected topics chosen at the beginning of the year.

Last year the Labs covered [refugees, immigration](#) and identity, [gender stereotypes](#), [disabilities](#) and STEM in [America's National Parks](#). The best stories are aired on the PBS NewsHour broadcast, reaching 1.8 million people nightly and millions more on our digital and social platforms.

Every summer, SRL brings new teachers to Washington DC for an intensive and fun professional development workshop that has been described as *"the best education professional development ever had."*

During the 3-day Workshop you will:

- Learn how to start the school year strong by effectively communicating the purpose and goals of SRL.
- Explore the SRL curriculum, timelines and expectations with your peers and experienced instructors.
- Share best practices and ideas for classroom management.
- Learn how to get buy-in from your principal, school administration and local media.
- Meet your next best friends and colleagues in the field.
- Come away inspired, energized and brimming with ideas for the coming year!

We will also work to align your goals to those of the SRL program:

- Help students find their voices through a range of participation.
- Tell stories with a unique youth perspectives that show how your students and community are grappling with newsworthy events and real world problems.
- Connect your classroom to the rest of the world through your local PBS station, the PBS NewsHour, inspiring mentors and career education opportunities.

Feel free to reach out with any questions and ideas. The first step is to fill out our application here:

<https://studentreportinglabs.org/application/>

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