



Teen Pollyanna January 2022 Meeting

Guest: Marianne Macrae, Robin Hood Foundation

We all know doing this work is HARD, but [#TeenPollyanna](#) keeps us inspired and motivated to reflect, grow, and act! Here's an inside look at what these passionate, creative, and intelligent teens discussed at last Saturday's meeting. The below takeaways were written by Josie Hoeber, our Teen Pollyanna intern.

Reflection One of our goals for this meeting was recognizing the work we have done in the past, while also understanding that there is potential for more. We began the discussion by revisiting previous actions as a way to acknowledge hard work and also to give other students potential ideas for their own action plans.

Growth We then took a look at our own communities, evaluated where we needed to grow, and subsequently where we wanted to see change. Students shared their personal experiences. Reactions to these prompts included wanting to see more racial and socioeconomic diversity, acknowledgment of pronouns, gender representation, and respect for others within class environments.

Action As we enter the second half of the school year, we have been encouraging Teen Pollyanna students to think about implementing an active action plan that we can help to support into some aspect of their life. Whether it is personal or communal, we just want to help our peers further their DEI goals. We wrapped up the meeting with a brainstorm of potential actions people can begin to implement and encouraged members to work on their plans for the next meeting.

A big thank you to all of our courageous students and to our special guest Marianne Macrae for kicking off a thoughtful and productive meeting!