

2023 Highlights Report

It was an exciting year with new projects and resources, and work towards our strategic priorities. This report highlights CIVIX's activities and achievements during 2023 by country.



In Canada, CIVIX:

- » Delivered four **Student Vote** programs, empowering **230,000 students** with an opportunity to experience voting firsthand and build the knowledge and skills for active and informed citizenship.
 - Prince Edward Island (April 3): 6,130 ballots cast among 35 schools (56% of all schools)
 - Alberta (May 29): 178,675 ballots cast among 1,383 schools (75% of all schools)
 - Toronto (June 26): 12,915 ballots cast among 171 schools
 - Manitoba (October 3): 32,164 ballots cast among 385 schools (47% of all schools)
- » Engaged nearly **11,000 youth** to participate in the 2023 **Student Budget Consultation** from 473 schools representing all provinces. Before completing the survey, students participated in learning activities to improve their understanding of budgeting, the federal government and public policy issues.
- » Organized **133 Rep Day** meetings between students and their Member of Parliament, engaging approximately **8,000 youth and 109 MPs** in discussions about the political process, the role of elected representatives and current issues.
- » Produced a **video series** of original interviews with **77 Members of Parliament** about their motivations for the job, experiences in the role and advice for youth.
- » Engaged more than **1,500 new teachers** in the **CTRL-F program**, who taught **contemporary source evaluation and fact-checking skills** to upwards of 150,000 students.
- » Developed a new set of **PoliTalks resources** to help students build foundational knowledge and skills to have **constructive discussions** about political issues. Lesson plans cover **pluralism, perspectives, values and cognitive biases**. Resources were shared with more than 2,000 educators across Canada.
- » Trained **458 educators** through **seven in-person Democracy Bootcamps** to improve their capacity for facilitating discussion in the classroom and to enhance their delivery of CIVIX programming.
- » Delivered **52 CTRL-F workshops** engaging **700 educators, 450 students, 280 parents and 50 school trustees**, as well as **10 PoliTalks workshops** involving **200 educators**.
- » Held our first 'Educating For Democracy' symposium with a variety of stakeholders to discuss the challenges facing our democracy, including disinformation, polarization and apathy, as well as practices, perceptions and barriers related to civic education in Canada.
- » Produced our first large-scale **state of civic education report** with data collected from nearly **2,000 Canadian educators** from surveys and focus groups (*Civics on the Sidelines, December, 2023*)



In Colombia, CIVIX:

- » Implemented the new **Democracia al Tablero** program, which seeks to **strengthen the process for student governments**, including their development, engagement, and management. More than **700 educators** were trained on the resources through in-person and virtual events.
- » Delivered the third edition of **Liderab (Youth Leadership Laboratory)** in five cities: Medellín, Bogotá, Palmira, Cúcuta and Cartagena. This year, the program engaged **164 youth**, improving their **social-emotional skills and confidence** to take on leadership positions.
- » Empowered **179 young women** with knowledge and skills to become community leaders through **Marea Purpura (Young Women's Leadership Circle)**. Participants came from the cities of Tumaco, Barranquilla, Bucaramanga, Medellín and Bogotá.
- » Trained **1,525 teachers** through **41** in-person and virtual **Campamentos de la democracia events (Democracy Camps)**, preparing them for the delivery of the Voto Estudiantil (Student Vote) program.
- » Delivered **Voto Estudiantil** for the October regional and municipal elections. In total, **246,599 students** took part from **820 schools**, within 17 provinces and 162 cities.



In Chile, CIVIX:

- » Adapted the **CTRL-F** program for Chilean schools and collaborated with numerous partners, including Wikimedia Chile, Fast-Check and CIPER, to produce video content. More than **300 educators** have registered for access to the resources and **134 educators** have been trained through workshops.
- » Developed a professional learning strategy for teachers called **Citizenship Education Laboratories (CIVIX Labs)**. These events provide teachers with didactic and methodological **tools to foster civic knowledge, attitudes and good practices of citizenship among students**. The current series aims to foster social cohesion by focusing on best practices for classroom discussion and school government processes. To date, **189 teachers from 5 comunas** have been trained through these events.
- » Delivered **Voto Estudiantil** in conjunction with the **2023 Constitutional plebiscite**. The program has engaged **350 schools**, from 81 comunas, representing all 16 regions of the country. More than **250 teachers** received training through **18 virtual workshops** about how to use the resources and implement parallel elections in their school. Results will be shared following the national plebiscite on December 17.