

DemocracyLab kicks off Youth Legacy Project 2059

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Oregon 150, DemocracyLab and the Chalkboard Project have teamed to create an online think-tank.

Their goal is to harness the thoughts of Oregonians and collaboratively create a vision of the state's future.

Project 2059 asks high school students to create a collective vision for how the state might be in the year 2059, when it will celebrate its bicentennial. Students are asked to consider issues that will shape the state over the next 50 years.

DemocracyLab is dedicated to public policy issue collaboration and consensus-building. The group provides the technology that permits students to present their ideas and priorities and to identify the best thinking of their peers.

"This is a great way for students to demonstrate that they are not just young people still learning. Rather, that they are a powerful force, a generation of people who want to help reshape politics and policy to make Oregon a safer, sustainable, and more livable place," said Henry Balensifer in a statement released Wednesday. Balensifer is a member of the Oregon 150 Board and chair of its Youth Legacy projects.

For more information, visit democracylab.project2059.org.