

Be the Bridge Youth is a program within Be the Bridge committed to equipping middle school and high school students to create brave spaces and lead conversations about race, racism, and racial justice in their communities.

At BTBY, we believe that young people will lead us to a more whole, more just, more inclusive future, guiding us in dismantling oppressive systems and building new structures that care for the lives of all people. In order for us to be able to imagine a world where this is possible and sustained, we must actively commit ourselves to becoming anti-racist leaders in our communities. Anti-racism is a lifestyle committed to resisting racist systems and white supremacy in all forms and in all facets of our life. It is a lifestyle that requires us to learn about the history of our nation – the history that is often kept from our history books. It is a lifestyle that requires us to recognize our privileges and learn how to leverage them for others. It is a lifestyle that requires us to choose the side of justice and healing, joining a long legacy of freedom fighters who knew that the heart of justice is radical love for one another that commits itself to breaking all chains of oppression.

Our first youth guide, *Say Something*, will help you and your community begin this journey. You can walk through it alone or with a group by purchasing a leader guide kit as well. By walking through this guide, you will learn how to build bridges to self, truth, justice, and healing. This lifelong journey will not be comfortable, but it is more than worth it.

Link to purchase student guide: <https://bethebridge.myshopify.com/products/say-something-a-guide-for-truth-telling-finding-your-voice-and-joining-in-the-fight-for-racial-justice>

Link to purchase leader kit: <https://bethebridge.myshopify.com/products/copy-of-say-something-a-guide-for-truth-telling-finding-your-voice-and-joining-in-the-fight-for-racial-justice>

Link to book list for more resources: <https://bethebridge.com/btby-booklist/>

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