February 19-21, 2021: HACK FOR BLACK LIVES

We are Hack for Black Lives and are excited to share with you our first event happening virtually at The Claremont Colleges. Hack for Black Lives is a hackathon whose mission is for young adults to practice active anti-racism by focusing their skills and passions on developing a solution that supports Black Communities and battles the oppression that they face. You can learn more about our mission and what to expect at the Hackathon by visiting our website.

We are inviting you to join us over the weekend of February 19th - 21st for a virtual hackathon! While hackathons are traditionally events for computer scientists or engineers, this hackathon is open for people of all skills and backgrounds to create projects from any discipline to practice active anti-racism. If you have never participated in a hackathon, or you don’t even know what it is, that is totally okay! Projects can range from organizing an art show for Black artists, drafting legislation on educational reform, to writing software to challenge algorithmic bias. All skills and interests can be utilized to create anti-racist projects.

On the Friday before the hackathon, you will have the opportunity to participate in workshops to help understand how you might use your skills to create an impactful project, and then you will put this learning into action on Saturday and Sunday! Additionally, we will provide mentors to guide you along the way as you work on your projects. At the end of the event, you will have a chance to share your work with the rest of the Hackathon and the larger community.

Long story short, we invite you to bring your skills and passions, whatever they may be, and we will work with you to empower you to create something that supports the Black Lives Matter movement and to give you the confidence you need to know that you can continue to do so after the completion of the hackathon.

Sign-up is now open on our website or through this sign-up form! You can sign up with a team of 2-5 people, or as an individual and we will help place you on a team with similar goals and interests! We hope you will join us and we are looking forward to seeing what you can create!