Youth Community Informatics (YCI) is a three-year project creating partnerships in communities through school districts, community organizations, and libraries throughout Illinois.

The YCI curriculum encourages critical thinking by incorporating the diverse experiences and knowledge of our participants in inquiry-learning activities.

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YCI Summer Academies

Each year YCI hosts a summer academy, bringing site participants to the UI campus for activities and cross-site collaboration.

Teens from YCI partner sites have a college visit experience and learn from peers and new friends.

2008
- Used space/place as basis for research
- Explored community locations as “information spaces” (i.e. public library, campus cultural house, bus stop, community arts center)
- Created maps, presentations, videos, performances

2009
- Used music as basis for research
- Explored textual meanings of lyrics in various contexts (i.e. poverty, education, abuse, violence)
- Created videos, zines, poems, presentations