

Elevating Youth Voices

through a new kind of conversation

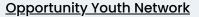
Cortico offers space for young people to share their experiences—and supports the adults who want to listen more deeply. Our projects use conversations to help youth build vital civic and tech skills, while enabling educators and program leaders to understand and act on what they hear.

What We Do

In collaboration with the MIT Center for Constructive Communication, Cortico helps amplify underheard voices through a tech-enhanced approach to small-group conversations. We partner with students, educators, and program leaders to spark meaningful conversations that build trust, strengthen community, and drive impact.

Conversations in Action

Policy Change Powered by Youth Voice



Conversations with Newark youth uncovered the root causes of chronic absenteeism—insights that now inform local education policy.

Feedback That Shapes Curriculum

Jobs for the Future

JFF analyzed 500+ student conversations to improve its VR-based learning lab—putting youth feedback at the center of curriculum design.

Rebuilding Trust

The Source School

Student perspectives helped rebuild trust at Freeport High School, leading to concrete action and an ongoing conversation program.

Youth Perspectives Driving Strategy

JA Worldwide

Peer-led alumni conversations captured youth insights that now shape JA's global strategy and reaffirm youth voice in decision-making.





Skills Built Through Conversation Campaigns

Whether youth-led or educator-supported, Cortico projects build:

Civic Skills



Deep listening, leadership, advocacy, and community engagement

Digital Skills



Al-supported analysis, data interpretation, and interactive media creation

Collaboration Skills



Clear communication, storytelling, teamwork, and real-world problem solving

Click to hear what meaningful conversations sound like-from youth, in their own words.







Let's Talk

Want to bring this kind of conversation to your school, youth organization, or community? We'd love to explore how Cortico can support your goals.



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