Class Action offers not only one-shot workshops, but ongoing consulting to organizations. Co-founder Jenny Ladd has worked with parents, faculty, staff and board members at independent elementary school Shady Hill, as it embarked on a year-long study of social class.

The school is asking how to help students understand and deal with class discrepancies, how to create an inclusive community where class issues can be openly discussed, and how to respect school traditions while being open to being changed by those who come.

“Jenny’s presentation was terrific and very helpful in our school’s conversations about socioeconomic diversity.”
- Communications Director, Shady Hill School

Class Action’s high school curriculum on class and classism – the first ever - is ready to be piloted in classrooms this spring. Lively, interactive and multi-media, it will draw out students’ critical thinking and inspire them to activism.

Marianne Bullock & Lisa Andrews, founders of the Prison Birth Project, share their vision of a Transformative Living Center where incarcerated women could learn life skills and spend more time with their children, in a Strategic Planning day designed by Class Action’s Women Building Bridges program.
Class Action’s summer interns shared their stories of classist comments they had heard on their college campuses, with lots of laughter and “me too!” discoveries. Two of them created a booklet of the worst comments, the ones most revealing about classism on campuses.

“Good work fostering open dialogue! Dispelling shame around this topic”
- Community college student

At a workshop for working-class high school students and their first-generation college mentors at Lyndon State College, Class Action put upward mobility into the context of the growing wealth divide.

Members of Class Action’s First Generation College Student Committee Nick Delvino and Susan Legere plan more outreach to first-in-the-family Boston College students for mutual support and advocacy.

The Occupy movement has created a once-in-generation chance for dialogue about excessive economic inequality – and Class Action has been participating and offering resources with a class lens. A coordinated national network of experienced trainers for Occupiers is using Class Action materials to add class awareness to workshops.

Far-flung Class Action board members gathered at the memorial service for co-founder Felice Yeskel in October, 9 months after she passed away.

[Back row:] Co-founder Jenny Ladd and board president Jerry Koch-Gonzalez, blogger and editor Maynard Seider [Front row:] IPS-NE Director Chuck Collins, Project Director Betsy Leondar-Wright, trainer and blogger Nicole Brown.