Youth Speaks Seattle + Arts Corps

Are looking for Teen Poets, Dancers, Singers & Artists!

2013-2014 Spokes Leader Application
Ages 14-19

- Eat food, make art, Have a good time!
- Make New Friends!
- Organize Open Mics & poetry slams!
- Make some money! ($225)
- Get Job, Professional, and Life Skills!
- 60+ Community Service Hours!

Applications Due: Friday, Sept. 13

Facebook.com/groups/youthspeaks206
Youthspeaks206.tumbr.com
Artscorps.org/programs/teen-programs
Artscorps.org/youth-speaks-seattle

Questions: slam@artscorps.org 206.722.5440 ext 103
Mail or drop off finished applications: 4408 Delridge sw, suite 110 (98106)
THE DETAILS

Who

We’re looking for fierce young artists (aged 14-19) who want to create change and revolution through community organizing, performance events and artistry!

What

This is a 9-month commitment to being a accountable leader and organizer for Arts Corps Teen Programs and Youth Speaks Seattle

When

Internship starts on October 2nd – May 31st
Spokes Leaders will meet every Wednesday 4-6pm (location TBD, most likely central area)

WHAT YOU’LL GAIN:

- Stipend: Leaders will receive $225
- Build a tight knit, loving community with 15 badass youth artists and activists
- Leadership skills (promotion, event planning, public speaking & facilitation)
- Learn about forms of oppression and how to fight against them using art and community organizing
- Good food!
- 60+ community service hours

As a Spokes Leader, you will go through an intensive 10 week Arts Liberation & Leadership Institute, where you will build organizing skills and social justice analysis, kick it and have a good time. After graduating the institute, the team of 15 leaders will break into 3 groups but still meet twice monthly:
- 5 Spokes will Organize Monthly Open Mics across Seattle for teen artists (dancers, singers, poets!)
- 5 will lead afterschool clubs and writing circles in their schools
- 5 will organize the 2014 Youth Speaks Seattle poetry slam series.

Expectations: Interns are expected to attend each weekly session of the institute (Oct-Dec). Once that is complete, interns are expected to attend a twice-monthly meeting with the rest of the team to discuss the success, challenges, and direction of their work (Jan-Jun). Interns will make outreach goals and complete other tasks outside of meetings (for example, booking a performer, or drawing a flyer)

Interns are expected to use clear communication, teamwork, and follow through on their commitments.

Dates to Know:
Oct. 2nd: first meeting
Nov 2nd: all-day retreat
Dec 4th: ALLI graduation

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Name:______________________________________ Birthdate:_____________

School:______________________________________

Home Number:_________________________Cell Number:_________________________

Email Address:_________________________

Home Address:_________________________City:___________ Zip:_________

Best way to contact you: email or Phone (Texting okay!)

Race/Ethnicity (optional):________________________ Gender:_____________

Sexual Orientation (optional):________________________

Meetings/events will be held across Seattle. Are you able to travel cross city? ______
Are there any neighborhoods you can’t go to? ________________________________

As a Spokes Leader you will be organizing revolutionary arts performances and positive spaces for other young people to express themselves. Tell 3 friends/teachers/family members that you’re applying, ask them to show their support for you and vouch that you will show up by signing their name below:

I think (applicant’s name) will be an awesome Spokes Intern. I put my name on this list because I believe they have passion for the work and will be a valuable member of the team. I can vouch for their ability to fully commit to this 9-month internship, be on time and responsible for their workload.

1. ____________________________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________________________________________

I am aware that my child is applying to be a Spokes Intern from October 2013–June 2014 and I have read or heard the attached program description.

_______________________________________  _______________________________________
Parent/Guardian signature  Print Name

please complete these questions!

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1. what art form(s) do you enjoy making? (poetry, dance, hip hop, music, etc)

2. Spokes interns will meet from 4:00-6:00pm every Wednesday, then decide a twice-a-month meeting time after Dec. 4th. There will be commitments of work to do outside of these meetings, such as attending open mics or doing outreach. Do you have any significant time commitments or possible scheduling conflicts? (school, sports, jobs, family)

3. why do you want to be a Spokes Leader? What do you hope to get out of the experience?

4. What skills/leadership experience do you bring to the position? How will they help you to be a dope Spokes person?

5. have you done any activities or learning about activism or social change? (such as trainings, workshops, organizing experience, etc)

6. Please rank 1-2-3 which group you are interested in organizing:
   ___ Monthly open mics
   ___ School clubs/writing circles
   ___ Youth Speaks Seattle poetry slam series

7. been involved in Arts Corps / Youth Speaks Seattle before? How/when?