RIZE YOUTH POETRY

FENIX YOUTH PROJECT INC.

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BRING SPOKEN WORD POETRY TO YOUR SCHOOL!

OUR ORGANIZATION

Fenix Youth Project Inc. is a creative arts & youth development 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Salisbury, MD and hosts programs throughout the lower eastern shore. Our Mission is to encourage youth to use their creative talents to impact social change.

AFTER- SCHOOL PROGRAMS

We believe that the inherent power of art and testimony creates relationships between students from various walks of life. We believe that through writing and community, young people acquire an invigorated sense of self and are thus empowered to transform themselves and society.

SPOKEN WORD POETRY CLUB

Spoken Word Poetry Clubs give students a regular opportunity to promote a culture of literacy, critical thought, self-confidence, and powerful public speaking. They also bring students together across lines of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, geography, sexuality, socio-economic status, and politics to listen to, learn from, and bond with one another. These programs use poetry as a bridge to promote tolerance, understanding, and non-violent conflict resolution. Our students make changes in themselves and in their communities.

HOST A RIZE YOUTH SLAM TEAM QUALIFIER!

ABOUT THE TEAM

This program is for any student who writes poetry or hip-hop and is interested in how their work can be elevated off of the page and onto the stage.

Students undergo rigorous preliminary competitions to get on the team and then undergo intensive writing and performance workshops in order to represent Eastern

Shore at the Brave New Voices International Festival that happens every summer.

HOST A POETRY SLAM

We will come to your school and organize a Poetry Slam that will comprise of 10 participants. Finalist are determined by a point system.

1st place - 4 points, 2nd Place - 3 points, 3rd place - 2 points, and 1 point for all other competing poets. The top 10 slammers, with the most accumulated points, will make it to RizeYST Finals in March.