

HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE WORKSHOP CHOICES

Workshop A

Amplifying Actions: *Presented by Dialogue Beyond Borders (DBB):* Do you have what it takes to be a human rights advocate? In this interactive workshop you will learn how to create a plan of action to combat a particular injustice you see in your world. Working with the theme of “Your Human Rights Are My Responsibility,” you will learn the skills necessary to defend human rights. Your instructors will provide guidelines for you to create an action project that can range from a poem, public art, and collaborative skit. You will then be able to practice making your action projects during the workshop.

Workshop B

Negative Effects of Ageism (Ageism): *Presented by Arianna Zarka, North Shore Hebrew Academy Anti-Bias Club:* Stereotyping and discrimination against people based solely upon their age has a detrimental effect on EVERYONE (not only on the people being discriminated against). This presentation revolves around “ageism” at all levels, young and old, rich and poor. Similarities and differences will be discussed. It is an interactive program where the audience will be involved.

Workshop C

From Facebook Pages to Prom Dates: Student’s Rights: *Presented by NYCLU Nassau Chapter Board President Roy Klein, Esq.:* Can you bring a date of the same gender to your prom? What can you write on Facebook or the school newspaper? Can you get suspended for wearing a gay pride tee shirt? Can a teacher read your text messages? Do you have to say the Pledge of Allegiance? These questions and more will be addressed during this interactive workshop and students will learn about their constitutionally protected rights to freedom of speech, privacy and equality.

Workshop D

Global Day of Listening: *Presented by Students of Bethpage High School’s Student Civic Association, Jackie Jill-Rito, Advisor:* What’s it like growing up in a war-torn country? What is it like to be a teenager who has known only war in his or her lifetime? In this workshop, Bethpage High School students offer the chance to listen to the victims of a foreign war. Why do they think that America and Afghanistan are at war? What do they think Americans' lifestyles are like? Explore, challenge and discuss your own ideas about the human rights of those who have only known war in their lifetimes

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Workshop E

Bullying and Sexting 101: *Presented by Alisty Keneth, Founder of AJK Diversified:* School violence is becoming more than just the bully on the playground. It is escalating to great proportions with deadly consequences and finding new avenues with the Internet and cell phone generation. This problem has given rise to bullycide, committing suicide as a result of being targeted for bullying. Learn the scope of behaviors that can be defined as bullying today and how to identify bullying victims. This workshop brainstorms viable methods that can be used if targeted for bullying. Furthermore, this workshop empowers the 90% of witnesses to bullying behavior, to intervene when bullying occurs.

Workshop F

Here I Stand: Silence Only Empowers the Oppressor: *Presented by Students of Mineola High School’s Increase the Peace Club:* This interactive workshop, facilitated by high school students, will explore an individual’s responsibility to advocate for and defend the Human Rights of another. Participants will be confronted with situations/scenarios where they will categorize the level of significance it has on their own lives.

DO NOT CHOOSE THE FOLLOWING!

Morning Video Presentation: *Teens from Nassau County perform in Public Service Announcements with various relevant human rights themes. The PSA’s are: “Making Choices” & “Relationships and Dating” starring local teens; “Internet Safety” starring Justin Bieber. Mr. Bieber had a planned appearance in Nassau County that did not go as planned. As a result he agreed to participate in a PSA for the Office of the Nassau County District Attorney.*

Afternoon Presentation: Thematic Skits *presented by “The Truth Urban Theater Group” The Truth Urban Theater Group have developed interactive activities which explore self-reflection, relationships and inter-cultural exchanges that are inspired by theatrical skit. Participants discover how outside forces influence their view of society and how those influences impact the effectiveness of their authentic voice. Through viewing theatrical skits, participants identify social injustices and create solutions through one or more performance mediums*



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