

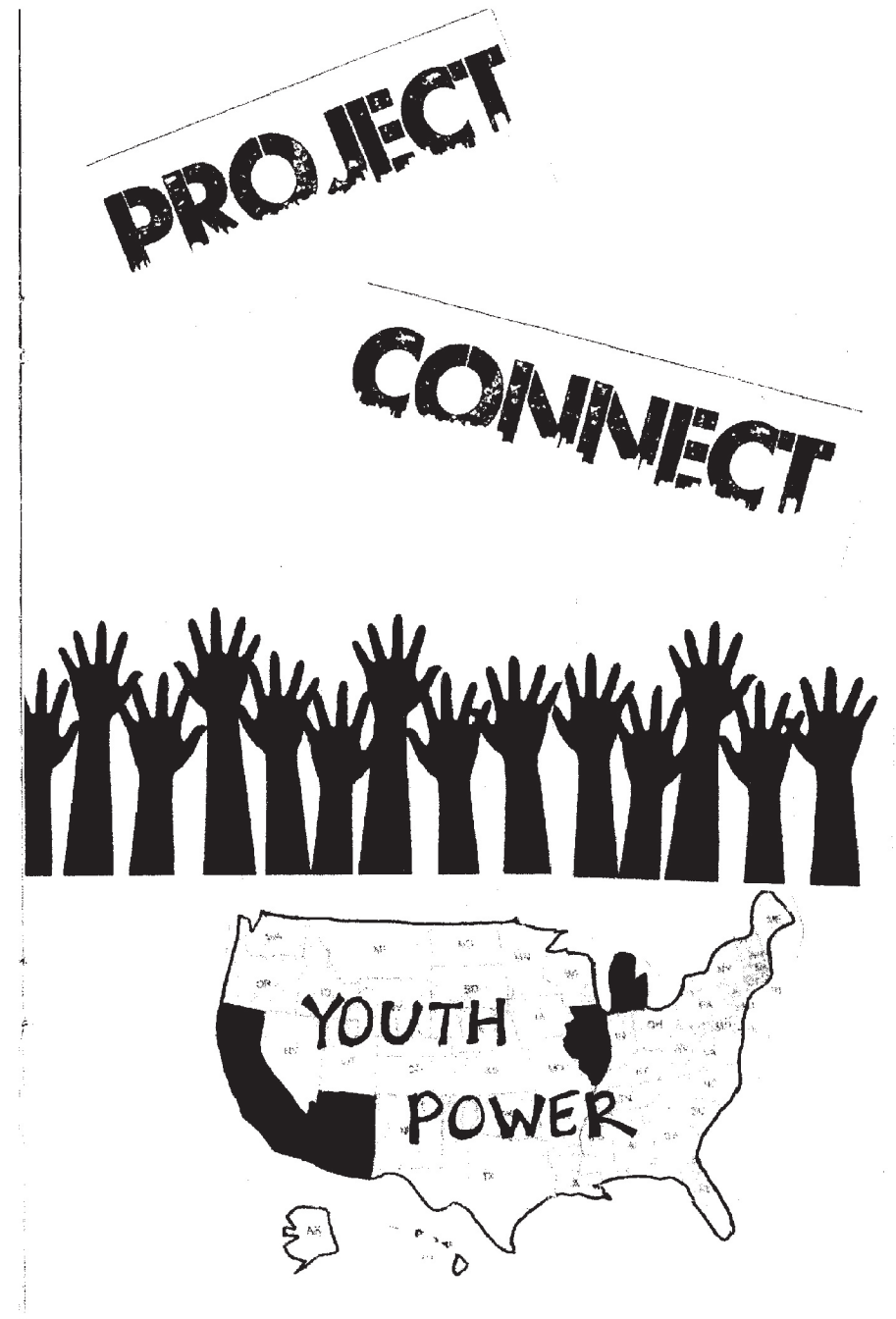
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Aiyisha Hassan, age 19  
Harrison Brown, age 15  
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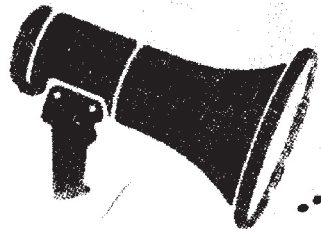
*Nothing is more inviting now than shiny steel shaking as it sets against my temple.*

I don't understand why I was born a fuck-up  
Why it had to be me that no one would love  
Why the only thing that shined in my life,  
Was a hand gun.

So.  
Boom.  
That's it.

## Project Connect Zine





**WANTED**

Youth Activists from:

Chicago • Detroit • San Francisco • Tucson

shared knowledge + their work around...

**YOUTH • RIGHTS • SEXUALITY**

with each other in Fall 2012 / Spring 2013. They collectively created this ZINE to:

- show solidarity.
- inspire long term activism.
- build community.

*¡Muchas Gracias a todos!*

- Alliance Youth Committee, Chicago, IL  
Illinois Safe Schools Alliance  
Project Safe Spaces  
University of Illinois at Chicago
- Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, Detroit MI  
Alternatives for Girls  
Ruth Ellis Center  
Detroit Youth Passages  
Florida International University  
University of Michigan
- ELAYO, Youth Advisory Group, San Francisco CA  
Empower Latino Youth  
California Latinas for Reproductive Justice  
Health Equity Institute  
San Francisco State University
- Tucson Youth Poetry Slam, Tucson AZ  
Crossroads Collaborative  
University of Arizona  
Spoken Futures, INC

Sarah Gonzales  
TruthSarita, LLC

Stacey Sullivan  
Illinois Safe Schools

Stacey Horn  
University of Illinois at Chicago



BRILLIANT  
INTELLIGENT  
FIERCE  
QUEER

A ZINE ABOUT THE ISSA  
YOUTH COMMITTEE




MISSION STATEMENT

We educate youth about the issues that affect them so that they can become leaders, take action, and make long term change!

- Some things the YC does:
- Plan leadership opportunities for queer youth
  - Provide training to youth's own youth
  - Summits for GSAs in the Chicago area
  - Guest for business of out organizations
  - The Night of Noise - drag dance party after the Day of Silence
  - Projects like:
    - Special Policies Protecting Trans Youth in Chicago Public Schools
    - Schooling Adults on the IMPACT of "Safe Schools Act"
    - Learning About Restorative Frameworks in Gender Activism



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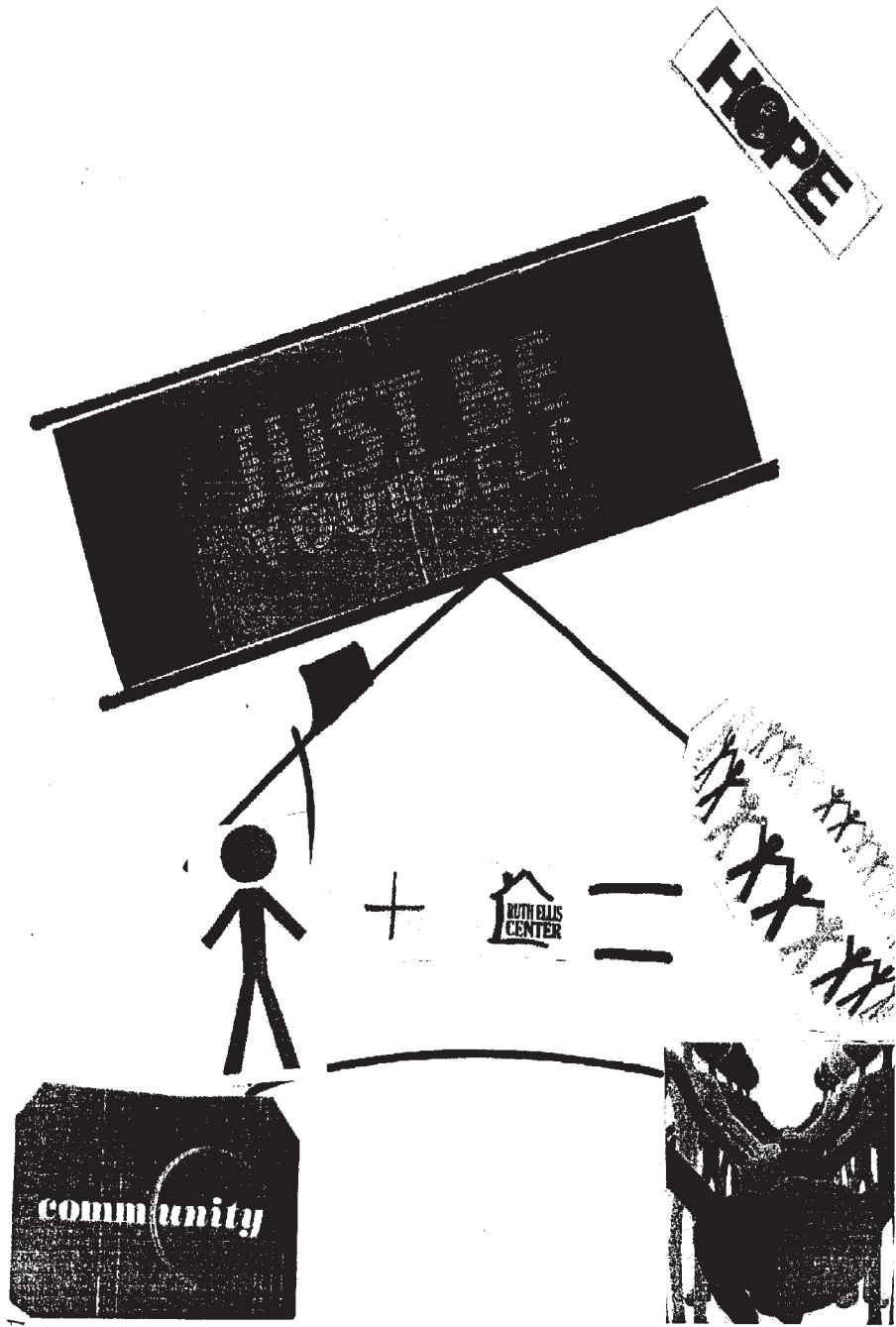
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D.H.D.C FOR DETROIT  
DETROIT HISPANIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

EDUCATION

ART





E/LA/O

We Are:

Diverse



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We are individuals coming together as a community to change perspectives, create assets, & support each other towards success. We search for a positive outcome within each other while looking towards strength in our communities in order



to change & break stereotypes. The different pathways & diversity we bring forth, allow us to open & expand our minds.

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WHAT WE  
~ WRITE ~  
ABOUT

US/Mexico Border  
Stay Informed  
AZ  
THIS MODERN WORLD  
Youth  
Movement  
SPEAK

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sent first ever Tucson team to Brave New Voices, 2012 - an international youth poetry festival
- Representatives at School Board meetings
- Several poets have been published or are working on publications
- TYPs has expanded outside Tucson to neighboring cities who participate in slams and youth organized workshops

SHARED STRUGGLE

SHARED HISTORY

To widen access to literary arts and community engagement for young people across Southern Arizona. Through education, reverence and love. We use poetry as a path to dream tomorrow, honor yesterday and live today!

**TUCSON YOUTH POETRY SLAM**

a program of  
spoken futures, inc.  
with support:

TYPs uses slam poetry to advocate social justices, unknown stories and YOUTH EMPOWERMENT through performance and writing.

TYPs  
Holds WRITING WORKSHOPS, BUILDS YOUTH ORGANIZERS AND HOST MONTHLY YOUTH POETRY SLAMS AT

**Bentley's**  
HOUSE OF GUSTY AZIA

**www.TucsonYouthPoetrySlam.org**  
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Logos for: J.A. RESERVE, POETRY CENTER, CASA LIBRE, crossroads collaborative, TruthSarita LLC, YOUNG VOICES OF SOUTHERN AZ, TUCSON YOUTH ARTS COUNCIL.

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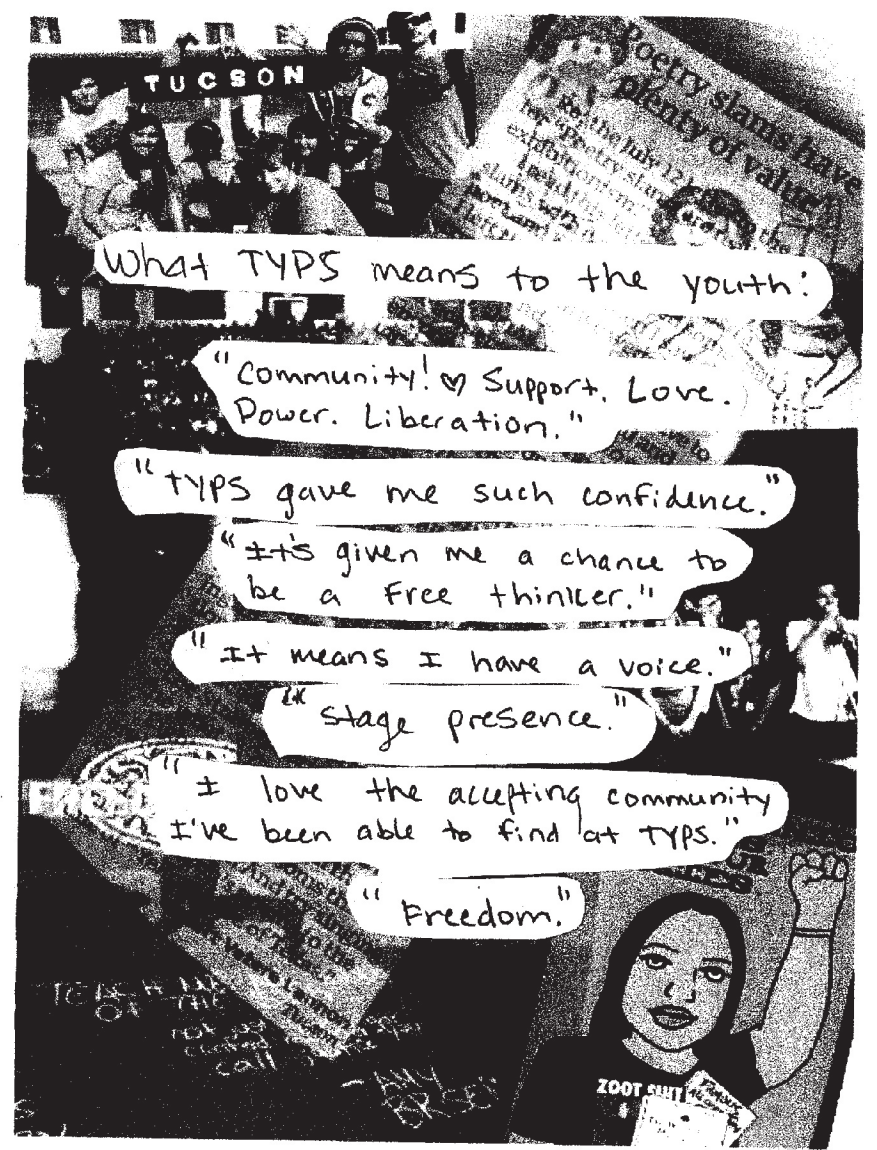
TYPS: Founded in 2010 by Logan Phillips and Maya Asher.

Competitive poetry reading of original work. Set up in 3 minute performances in three rounds, utilizing a mic or strictly diaphragm.

Aside from monthly competitive slams, poets also perform in community events

Like the LGBTQ Anti-Bullying Event and the TUSD School Board meeting

**ARIZONA  
YOUTH**



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J. Sarah Gonzales believes the intersection of art and activism is a critical place for community survival. After years of working for Universities and non-profits doing community work and youth organizing on racial justice in Arizona, she founded her own national social justice consulting company, TruthSarita, LLC which supports building collective power to dismantle inequity. Sarah also serves as Codirector of Spoken Futures, Inc. developing programs including Tucson Youth Poetry Slam and Liberation Lyrics, which create spaces for youth to process and address issues such as the school to prison pipeline, LG-BTQ rights and migrant justice through spoken word poetry. In addition to facilitation, training and youth organizing work, Sarah is an extensive haiku writer, fierce dance floor occupier and a trickster performance artist whose recent work landed her in 6th place in the Arizona US Presidential Primaries in 2012. She can be reached at sarah@truthsarita.com.

