



StoryLine Project

StoryLine mobilizes area youth, artist/mentors and thinkers on journeys of co-discovery of community issues. Through studio sessions, site visits and directed critical inquiry, the kids explore local topics such as neighborhood, water use and transportation. The youth examine those questions with fresh eyes and offer alternative futures. Along the way, they **forge new connections to the community**, develop a **courageous voice** and model **active citizenship**.

StoryLine artist/volunteers travel with the youth and assist their explorations by encouraging deep observation, **challenging them to go further** and helping them to voice their impressions in a variety of forms including (but not limited to) drawing, painting, photography, poetry, rapping, storytelling, roleplaying and public speaking.

Although the primary focus of StoryLine is on the kids and their voice, it is also raises **public awareness about local issues**. Their efforts attract attention from public and the media, which reinforces the program's message of empowerment. It is also an **enriching professional development opportunity** for community-minded artists and other associated adults and an opportunity for educators to **refine their curriculum and pedagogical approach**.

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