

## **Youth Call to Action Through the Arts**

YWCA Bergen County is on a mission and **we are calling on YOU, our youth, to take a stand!**

Stand Against Racism is a signature campaign for the YWCA, aiming to raise awareness about the negative impacts of structural and institutional racism within our communities.

### **Let your voice be heard.**

In commemoration of the 2019 Stand Against Racism, YWCA Bergen County is excited to announce the publication of our second literary journal, *Voices*. The theme for this year's journal is **No Hate, No Fear**.

We invite all 7th-12th grade students in Bergen County to submit poetry, short prose, photography, or paintings to the journal in during our open Call to Action, now through **Wednesday, March 20**. Selections for the 2019 journal will be made on Friday, March 22.

A strong emphasis on the topics are encouraged for this year's journal submissions:

***Diversity***  
***Empowerment***  
***Uplifting Communities***  
***Confronting Hate***  
***Bridging Divides***  
***Leadership***  
***Activism***

Please see all submission requirements and deadlines on page 2.

We will celebrate the official release of the journal during our National Stand Against Racism Campaign during April 25-28. All are welcome to attend this event, an event for cultivating creativity in a safe space for students to express themselves artistically. For more information, contact Jessica – [jmonacocopell@ywcabergencounty.org](mailto:jmonacocopell@ywcabergencounty.org) or 201-881-1755.

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### ***Voices: A Literary Journal for Youth***

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### **Submit your work, now through March 20th!**

Student submissions will be accepted in the forms of poetry, short prose, photography, and paintings or any other art feature.

We're open to all creative original pieces fitting the topics of diversity, empowerment, uplifting communities, confronting hate, leadership, activism, and/or bridging divides.

### **Before submitting, please note:**

- Submissions must be your own original material.
- All work must be titled.
- A brief bio of the artist and description of the work is requested from the author or illustrator.
- Documents must be attached in a **Word** or **PDF** file. Images should be submitted as a **JPEG** or **PNG**.
- It is **HIGHLY** recommended before submission to have your work proofread.

**Please send your submission to [jmonacopell@ywcabergencounty.org](mailto:jmonacopell@ywcabergencounty.org)  
by Wednesday, March 20th!**

**Questions?** Contact Jessica Monaco-Copell at [jmonacopell@ywcabergencounty.org](mailto:jmonacopell@ywcabergencounty.org).

**We look forward to receiving your work!**