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# **SPEAKING OUT:**

## **ONLINE CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS**

### **FOR LGBTQ+ & GENDER-NONCONFORMING STUDENTS AND PEER SUPPORTERS**

**Downtown Writers Center**  
**YMCA OF CENTRAL NEW YORK**

Join us for 6 weeks of Zoom workshops focused on providing a space for LGBTQ+, gender-nonconforming, teen supporters and friends to examine writing by and about LGBTQ+ and gender-nonconforming communities, and engage in writing exercises related to the fixed, constructed, and mobile aspects of identity as writers and as people living in the world.

This free pilot program, for teen writers, grades 9 - 12, hopes to create a writing space that can nurture some of our most vulnerable young writers in an uncertain time. Facilitated by Gemma Cooper-Novack, Downtown Writers Center and Young Authors Academy instructor, and PhD candidate at Syracuse University's School of Education. Widely published in multiple writing genres, Gemma's theatrical works have been performed in Boston, Chicago, and New York. Her first book of poems is *We Might as Well Be Underwater*.

**6 weeks**  
**Saturdays • 3:00 – 5:00 pm**  
**July 10 – August 14**  
Registration required by 7/2/2021  
All Levels of Experience Welcome





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# SPEAKING OUT REGISTRATION FORM

## STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE/HOME \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

My child may \_\_\_ / may not \_\_\_ be photographed for promotional and/or archival use by the YMCA of Central New York.

Parent Signature below:

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When completed,  
please return this  
registration form to  
Georgia Popoff:  
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