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 10 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.

10 weeks
Saturdays • 3:00 – 5:00 pm
January 19 – April 2, 2022
Registration required by 1/26/2022
All Levels of Experience Welcome
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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________________________________________________________________

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Parent Signature below:
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When completed, please return this registration form to Georgia Popoff: gpopoff@ymcacny.org