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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 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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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 _____

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Parent Signature below:

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