

I WRITE THE FUTURE! - YEAR 3

A CALL TO ACTION, A CALL TO WRITE, A CALL TO GO PUBLIC FOR STUDENTS OF ISAW TEACHERS



THE ISSUE:

Sadly, we don't have to work very hard to see, hear, or read about instances of intolerance today—from fear and prejudice because of differences in religion, culture, or language; to discrimination based on race, gender, disability, or sexuality; to name calling and bashing, bullying, and now in this digital age, cyber bullying. Just one or two words can bring images of intolerance to mind. Immigration. Illegal immigrant. Homophobia. Racial profiling. Muslim. Retard. Short bus. Any and all ethnic and racial slurs.

If you could “write the future,” and make important changes, what issues of intolerance would you address, what strategies would you use to make change, and what solutions would you propose?

LAUNCH FOR YEAR 3 IS: OCTOBER 17, 2012

There are so many reasons and ways to begin writing the future during launch week:

- ◆ October 20 is the National Day on Writing.
- ◆ October 19 is also Wear Purple Day/Spirit Day to speak out against anti-LGBT bullying and harassment and to remember LGBT teens who have committed suicide.
- ◆ October 15-19 is Ally Week when gay and straight teens work together to create safe places for all students in their schools and communities.
- ◆ October is Anti-Bullying Month and also LGBT History Month.
- ◆ Hispanic Heritage Month concluded October 15, but why confine writing about heritage and culture to a month? Keep writing.

THE I WRITE THE FUTURE FORUM

Join students across the state to read, discuss, debate, dialogue, and blog about changing our present and writing a very different future.

Be sure to read the Calls to Write in each of the channels to find the writing, publication, and scholarship opportunities that capture your attention.



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