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**H<sup>2</sup>Word** is a dynamic 12-week workshop series that seeks to provide NYC teens the opportunity to work with Hip-Hop pioneers, emcees, poets and historians. In this workshop, teens will explore the history and forces that shaped Hip-Hop culture, as well as critically examine hip-hop music, media and education through the lens of the emcee, spoken word artist, poet, and activist.

This **FREE** workshop is open to all teen members of the Hip-Hop community who seek to access ways to facilitate, foster and promote Hip-Hop culture through writing, emceeing, and performing. Space is limited.

## GOALS:

- Create a 12-week workshop series that realizes the values of both Urban Wword & the Hip-Hop Association.
- Create a trained artist base and curriculum in order to replicate the workshop at multiple sites.
- The workshop will:
  1. Create a framework for youth to understand how they can participate in the process of facilitating, fostering, and preserving Hip-Hop culture.
  2. Provide free learning, writing and performance opportunities to NYC teens.
  3. Engage literacy, critical thinking & creative writing/emceeing by effectively utilizing hip-hop music and culture.
  4. Provide a performance/culminating/community event; and/or creation of compilation CD of workshops participants.
  5. Create pedagogy for professional development for artists, teachers, organizers, parents & social workers.
  6. Meets the social studies, history, and language art standards.
  7. Evaluation: Urban Word/H<sup>2</sup>A has the pleasure of presently developing a new evaluation methodology with a group of educators who have spent years performing scholarly research on art and culture based pedagogies. The evaluation methodology will focus on improvements in the areas of self-perception, decision-making abilities and skill building, with a specific focus on community and educational exploration. During the workshop we will institute pre- and post surveys to measure workshop impact over the course of the year (*H<sup>2</sup>A's Hip-Hop Education Committee will facilitate this*).