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**STAND
AGAINST
RACISM**

Youth Call to Action Through the Arts

YWCA Northern New Jersey is on a mission and **we are calling on YOU, our youth, to take a stand!**

Stand Against Racism is a signature campaign for the YWCA, aiming to raise awareness about the negative impacts of structural and institutional racism within our communities.

Let your voice be heard.

In commemoration of the 2021 Stand Against Racism, YWCA Northern New Jersey is excited to announce the publication of our third literary journal, *Voices*. The theme for this year's journal **From Declarations to Change: Addressing Racism as a Public Health Crisis**.

We invite all students to submit poetry, written or via video, song, short prose, photography, or paintings to the journal in during our open Call to Action, now through **Friday, April 16**. Selections for the 2021 journal will be made on Tuesday, April 23rd.

A strong emphasis on the topics are encouraged for this year's journal submissions:

Diversity

Empowerment

Uplifting Communities

Confronting Hate

Bridging Divides

Leadership

Activism

Please see all submission requirements and deadlines on page 2.

We will celebrate the official release of the journal during our National Stand Against Racism Campaign during April 22-25. All winners will be posted on our social media pages as well as showcased at our Virtual Racial Justice Awards on April 29th. For more information, contact Jessica – jmonacocopell@ywcannj.org or 201-345-1875.

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Voices: A Literary Journal for Youth

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Submit your work, now through April 16th!

Student submissions will be accepted in the forms of poetry, written or via video, short prose, photography, song, and paintings or any other art feature.

We're open to all creative original pieces fitting the topics of diversity, empowerment, uplifting communities, confronting hate, leadership, activism, and/or bridging divides.

Before submitting, please note:

- Submissions must be your own original material.
- All work must be titled and approval signed off by parent or guardian.
- A brief bio of the artist and description of the work is requested from the author or illustrator.
- Documents must be attached in a **Word** or **PDF** file. Images should be submitted as a **JPEG** or **PNG**.
- It is HIGHLY recommended before submission to have your work proofread.

Please send your submission to jmonacocopell@ywcannj.org
by Friday, April 16!

Guardian's Signature to showcase work _____.

Questions? Contact Jessica Monaco-Copell at jmonacocopell@ywcannj.org.

We look forward to receiving your work!

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