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THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

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UNITING VOICES: SPOKEN WORD POETRY SHOWCASE 2024

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Celebrating students' poetry collections, anthology and advocacy for positive change in an innovative poetry writing and performance project.

Our young writers stand to unite our voices for positive change through the creation of an inspiring collection of poetry, authored and to be performed at the Spoken Word Poetry Showcase 2024. This showcase will feature poems for performance by Year 7 Extended Learning English ECA students. Their poems make us question: What does a world with 'unity in diversity' look like? Can you recall personal experiences related to this theme? What global issues relate to unity in diversity? What values are important in achieving unity? Through this showcase, students will take the stage to share their powerful poetry performances, inviting us all to reflect on creative ways diverse communities globally take to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ).

A JOURNEY OF INSPIRATION AND VISION

The theme of 'Unity in Diversity' lies at the core of the students' poetry collections, inspired by the vision to empower students to transcend activism and advocate for unity as a catalyst for positive change. 'Unity in diversity' encourages people to celebrate and embrace differences while working together to achieve common global goals. Students explored global issues with which they personally connected to craft poems that motivate, inspire and

galvanise collective action.

Their collections are inspired by the DEIJ values and UN Sustainable Development Goals where students address contemporary issues including fighting racism, advocating gender equality, preserving biodiversity, empowering refugee voices, global solidarity and world peace, and celebrate cultural diversity through their creativity and passion to unite audiences to stand up against injustice whilst promoting global citizenship.

CELEBRATION OF DIVERSE YOUTH VOICES AND PERSPECTIVES

The dedication and creativity of our young writers shine through in every word, through carefully crafted powerful messages using language devices and structural techniques; they are now ready to take the stage and share their voices with the community and world. This event will be an inspiring display of creativity, passion, and advocacy for positive change, showing their individual creative approach to honouring the power of poetry.

We celebrate multiple outcomes from this poetry writing and performance project: students' individually authored and crafted poetry collections, their performances, and a published anthology amplifying their voices on global issues. Each of the poems in the publication and showcase represents a unique perspective on 'Unity in Diversity',



serving as a call to action for social justice whilst embracing our individual differences.

As the showcase approaches, excitement is high among our student performers. They have shown commendable dedication and enthusiasm for writing, rehearsing, and perfecting their performances, eager to share their messages with clarity, passion, and conviction.

THE ROLE OF SPOKEN WORD POETRY IN GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

This project serves as an integral platform for students to explore global issues, express their perspectives, and effect positive change through poetry. Through publishing and performing their work, students demonstrate the trans-

formative power of spoken word poetry; spoken word poetry is more than just art - it's a catalyst for personal growth, social awareness, and global impact. It is crucial that we empower students to recognise their voices' significance and their potential to shape a better world.

JOIN US IN EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS

We invite you to join us at the showcase and celebrate the creativity, passion, and advocacy of our students. Together, we can champion the power of unity, diversity, and social justice to shape a better future for all.

When: May 15th 2024, 2:40pm - 4:00pm

Where: Theatre, Arts Centre