

Dear World,

We are more than 50 organizations around the globe that have been inspired by the 826 model and approach to inspire and support the next generation of writers, dreamers, leaders, and thinkers. Collectively we served over 150,000 young people last year alone.

This global movement continues to grow and, together, we are committed to amplifying the words of young people and ensuring their access to programs offering space to explore the power, joy, and creative possibility of writing. While each organization brings its own programming, practice, and goals, and is enriched by the unique cultures of their nation and community, there are crucial commonalities that unite us.

We believe in the transformative power of writing. Writing is the way we make sense of the world. The way we understand what is and envision what could be. Writing is critical in empathy, in advocacy, in problem-solving, and in action. As a collective of organizations worldwide, we are committed to celebrating the words and worldviews of young people. Their voices are an essential part of global dialogue.

We believe that writing is a fundamental right, and that writing is for everyone. We are committed to ensuring young people are equipped with the tools to write their own paths forward, undefined by circumstance. Writing is a tool for students to ignite and channel their creativity, explore identity, advocate for themselves and their community, and achieve academic and professional success. We are dedicated to cultivating opportunities for them to explore, hone, and amplify the power of their words.

We believe our youth will write us into a better, brighter, and more compassionate future. Young people tell vital and too-often underrepresented stories of community and lived experiences, they outline indispensable visions for change, and they remind us that creativity and wonder are boundless. We aim to ensure a future that provides young people access to the power and the joy of writing—and in doing so, are able to define the trajectories of their lives, of their communities, and of the world. Their perspectives are invaluable, and their work should be read and heard. Together, we commit to providing platforms that amplify these voices ever further.

We invite communities around the world to join us in advocacy and action. Whether supporting a writing organization or local classroom, or starting your own project, the potential for impact is immense.

There are more than two billion young people in the world today, and each deserves the opportunity to write. There is a world of stories to be told.

Write on,

