

TALKING ABOUT MISOGYNY – A Conference for Young Men 11 to 25

Saturday, February 9th 2008

Depaul University (Lincoln Park Campus)

McGaw Hall, 802 W. Belden Avenue

The workshops are only open to people who identify as young men (this obviously includes trans men). The screening and discussion of Beyond Beats and Rhymes taking place from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. is **open to young men and women**. *That will be the only part of the conference that is co-ed.*

Conference Schedule

9:30-10:30 – Registration, Wall of Dedication and Breakfast

10:30-Noon – Workshops AM (five choices)

12:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Lunch and Beyond Beats and Rhymes Viewing and Facilitated Discussion – Ed Mills and Male Ally Network (*this part is open to young men and women*)

2:45 to 4:15 p.m. – Workshops (five choices)

4:30 to 5:00 p.m. – Wall of Dedication Art Project

Workshops [AM – 10:30 to Noon]

Workshop #1 -- **I Use to Love Her**: Understanding the Relationship between Hip Hop & Misogyny -- Presenters: Men against Violence, Christopher Watson, John Capuano, and Ricco Garza.

Does Hip Hop promote violence against women and girls? This workshop will explore the current state of Hip Hop music in the context of its history and the projection of the urban male image. Part presentation, part discussion, and part call to action, this workshop is guaranteed to evoke a response from everyone from rap music detractors to the most ardent Hip Hop heads. Please join us for this complex discussion with an open-mind, unrelenting voice, and desire to make change.

Workshop #2 – **Developing Healthy Dating Relationships** – Robert Hyde, Between Friends

This interactive workshop will take a look at teen relationship violence. It will highlight healthy vs. unhealthy partner interaction. Participants will learn about the dynamics of abuse and learn about how to support survivors of violence.

Workshop #3 – **Healing from Violence** – Troy Harden, Chicago State University

This experiential and action-oriented workshop invites participants to understand the impact of violence in our society and addresses steps to heal ourselves, our communities, and our world. Participants will explore how to identify and develop a liberating masculinity free from violence that does not confine young men to stereotypical roles



and yet encourages young men to be authentic and true to themselves. The workshop will also explore the concept of being a “wounded healer” who can help others heal from violence.

Workshop #4 – Building Bridges to Manhood – Claude Robinson, Uhlich Children’s Advantage Network

This workshop will introduce and delineate practical stages of manhood development. This workshop will challenge participants to walk the path toward manhood. The presenter will approach this topic from the lens of social learning theory and economics. Participants will be engaged in discussions around power, love and violence. This workshop will look at violence reduction through self-respect and forgiveness.

Workshop #5 – Making Peace with Our Fathers, Learning to be a Man without a Father Figure – Keith Lewis, Circle Vision Inc and Philip Merchant.

In today’s society, many boys and young men grow up without a father figure. How do these young men learn to be a man? How do boys learn to treat women? This workshop will explore the effects of growing up without a father figure and how this impacts relationships with young women. Through open discussion and interactive activities, we will discuss how to make peace with your father and have positive interactions with young women. Please join us for a candid dialogue on growing from boys to men when a man may not be present.

Workshops [PM – 2:45 to 4:15 p.m.]

Workshop #1 -- The Facts of Violence: Exploring the Journey from Boyhood to Men of Integrity, Men against Violence (Christopher Watson, John Capuano, and Ricco Garza)

Our society raises men to be dominant, controlling, and emotionally detached. How do men manage to wrestle with the realities of sexism, misogyny, and hetero-supremacy? Three former presidents of the Men against Violence chapter at Texas State University-San Marcos share their stories through monologues, spoken word, and startling statistics on the impact of violence in defining manhood. This workshop will explore their personal journeys from being part of the problem to becoming part of the solution. Please join us for frank discussions on unlearning abuse, violence, and misogyny.

Workshop #2 – Love Queers, Not Bombs! – Tony Alvarado-Rivera, Broadway Youth Center

It is 2007. We are in a war. People are dying. Billions of dollars are being spent. Our government is lying to us...and they want us to believe violence and fear are the answer. Come learn how ignorance and fear and violence have been strategically adopted and used by systems and institutions – perpetuating a cycle of violence and oppression. This

interactive, thought provoking, and real workshop will fight to break through ignorance and dismantle the hate that is homophobia and transphobia.

Workshop #3 – Using Arts and Hip-Hop Activism to Combat Violence against Women and Girls – Justin Grey, Alternatives Inc.

This workshop will implement Creative Art components to help provide young men and adult allies with tools for the freedom of expression. This workshop will include time for group discussions, interactive art activities, short video screenings, physical activities, and some writing exercises. These activities will help encourage young men to be engaged, participate creatively, and to think critically. There will be a lot of team work, and space for their voices, so that with support, the group of boys can work together to help decide what's important in building positive relationships with the women in their lives.



Workshop #4 – Sexual Assault 101 – Jesse Pierce, ICASA

This interactive workshop invites participants to discuss the prevalence, dynamics and impact of sexual assault. A women's history quiz will open the session, with discussion following on rape culture and commonly held myths surrounding sexual assault (and how to debunk them). In addition, participants will learn strategies to support survivors and list ways to challenge sexism and end men's violence against women.

Workshop #5 – The Sex and Money Workshop: Sex Trade 101 – Isa Villafior, Dominique McKinney & Amber Kutka, Young Women's Empowerment Project

This is a training developed especially for boys and young men to think about sex and money. What is the sex trade? How can young men and boys be allies to girls who might be involved in trading sex for money? Why is it important for young men and boys to have our backs and be our brothers in our struggle? This training will answer these questions and give young men a space to talk about how sex and money impact us all.

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