

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Student Fellowship Opportunity:

Apply to the Youth Set the Stage Fellowship!

This 9 month creative fellowship sets out to amplify the voices of young folks ages 14-24. This work is done through in-person workshops, as well as a hands on media projects. These projects range from documentary and narrative short films, to music and audio projects, to zines and more! Projects are supported with a \$1,000 budget per student & participants receive stipends of \$500 every 3 months

Apply by Sept. 18!



PYMC Learning Opportunity:

Trauma-Informed Practice for Teaching Artists (TIPTA) Fall Cohort

Philly teaching artists apply here: Applications are open for the next Trauma-Informed Practice for Teaching Artists (TIPTA) Live cohort. This 20-hour, in-person training explores practical, trauma-informed strategies for creating arts education rooted in care, safety, and community, with opportunities for reflection, creative practice, and peer connection.

- ✿ **Facilitators:** Enoch the Poet & Candy Alexandra González
- ✿ **Dates:** November 7, 14 & 21 + December 5 & 12
- ✿ **Location:** Friends Center
- ✿ **Stipend:** \$200 + Certificate of Completion + digital badge
- ✿ **Application Deadline:** October 9
- ✿ **Eligibility:** Teaching artists in the Greater Philadelphia region



PYMC Job Opening:

PhillyCAM is hiring a Youth Media Manager!

The Youth Media Program Manager leads PhillyCAM's youth media program, guiding students through hands-on media production — from curriculum design to final cut — across television, radio, and online platforms. You'll orient and supervise our instructors and teaching artists, and help build the next generation of media makers in Philadelphia.



Learn more & apply here!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ASAP: Register for WHY? Student Programs (October start date)

Apply to WHY?'s documentary & narrative filmmaking courses - starting in October.

Ongoing Submission Opportunity: Youth Media Reporter

Youth Media Reporter is accepting submissions from youth media educators practitioners, researchers, and others working in the field. **The publication shares one new piece each Tuesday, with themed issues released every 3-4 months.** The next themed issue will focus on AI, making this a timely opportunity for anyone exploring AI, media literacy, youth media, or the impact of emerging technologies on young people.

Interested in submitting? Review the submission guidelines and send questions or pitches to Yonty Friesem at: yonty@mediaeducationlab.com

Sept. 18: Fab Youth Philly hosts discussion about the state of youth education @ the Kensington Engagement Center

Philly teens are invited to join Fab Youth Philly at the Kensington Engagement Center (300 Kensington Ave.) from 12:00-5:00 to discuss the state of education. Young folks will get the opportunity to talk with city council members about what's happening in our schools, our neighborhoods and our city - and what needs to change. **The #3 Bus stops right in front + lunch, dinner and snacks are provided!**

Sept. 18: PhillyCAM - Call for Youth Producers for "Hear Us Out" Youth Video Podcast

Apply by Sept. 18 to PhillyCAM! "Hear Us Out" is where Philadelphia teens create a live video podcast that speaks to your generation. From social justice to untold stories, this is your platform to amplify what matters most. **Deadline to apply: Sept. 18!**

Sept. 19: Fab Youth Philly Hosts Poetry Slam at Mercy Technical High School

Philly teens are invited to join Fab Youth Philly at Mercy Technical High School (2900 W Hunting Park Ave.) for an open mic from 3:00-7:00 p.m.! Whether you are new to poetry or have a notebook full of poems & rhymes, join us for a some writing activities & poetry slam, with prizes! No experience necessary!

Sept. 24: Big Picture Alliance (BPA) Story Development Workshop

Join BPA at Groundfloor Studios (1315 Walnut st., Suite 133) from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for the upcoming workshop to explore the basics of story development and understand the components of Film Treatment.

Sept. 25: Fab Philly hosts *We Could be King* film screening & discussion about school closures

Join Fab Youth Philly from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Kensington Engagement Center (300 Kensington Ave.) for a screening and discussion of the *We Could be King* movie. In 2012, Germantown HS & MLK HS merged as part of many schools closings. We'll watch the film & discuss what we learn from these young people & the adults that supported them as we face more closures 14 years later.

Sept. 30: Sept. 18: Fab Youth Philly hosts youth film screening + discussion about the need for third spaces @ the Kensington Engagement Center

Philly teens are invited to join Fab Youth Philly at the Kensington Engagement Center (300 Kensington Ave.) from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meet the youth filmmakers of two short films that look at what 3rd spaces are and why they are needed for teens in Philly and what it costs to become an adult in Philly these days.

PYMC KEY UPDATES:

In this section, we provide a readout of the key discussions and takeaways from our recent PYMC meetings. It's your go-to spot for quick updates on important topics, action items, and upcoming initiatives that are shaping our collaborative efforts.

RESOURCE BANK:

Ongoing Newsletter Submissions

This newsletter submission form will always be open for the next newsletter. [Submit for the October newsletter here!](#)

Educator Resource: Student Press Law Center (SPLC)

SPLC supports & defends the First Amendment & press freedom rights of high school & college journalists. [Check out their hotline + educator resources.](#)

ONGOING PYMC PROJECTS:

Re-vamping [PYMC Website](#)

We are updating to Wix and have an intern for support!

[PYMC Instagram](#): Like, share & Follow us!

New Instagram posts going up this month!
Follow [@phillyyouthmedia](#)

Events Working Group Seeking Members

After the [PYMC yearly activity survey](#), it has become clear that there are a few different types of events that people want. I'm curious if anyone has capacity to work on these events.

Creating a form for request student media coverage.

This is in progress!

Points of Focus:

Events Working Group

We received funding from the People's Media Fund for a year of PYMC gatherings!

Freedom Dreaming Through Media: Building Relationships, Sharing Strategies, and Growing Community Power aims to strengthen youth-centered community media networks through a year-long series of virtual, hybrid, and in-person workshops, dialogues, and peer-learning exchanges. **See proposal here & proposed workshops here.** If interested in supporting this, **please reach out!**

Space request:

Motivos is seeing a space for their Growth edition launch in October. Fam Frequency has a feature story in this edition!

Reach out if you can host.
motivosmagazine@gmail.com

Please submit the yearly PYMC membership application and interest form here.