# CHANGE the TALK Summer 2019 The NEWSLETER

## **OPEN HOUSE**

SAVE THE DATE for our Open House on September 11, 2019, at 6 pm. Our Open House is a networking opportunity to meet the Change the Talk staff, see a portion of our workshop, and participate in activities that are used during our training. You will also get the opportunity to meet our Peer Educators and inquire about their experience with Change the Talk! The Open House is a perfect time to learn how to host a workshop or training at your school. You can also click here to bring us to your school or youth group in the Fall!





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#### SUMMER **LEADERSHIP** TRAININGS

This summer we've hosted two free leadership training for teens in the West LA and East LA areas. We have one more coming up this August that will be held in South LA at the Los Angeles Urban League. Unfortunately, all spots for participants have been filled but stay tuned for our winter break leadership training.

Our training is an opportunity for teens to develop leadership skills, learn about consent, support survivors of sexual violence and learn how to be active bystanders. In addition, teens collaborate with other teens from throughout LA County and foster healthy relationships; From icebreakers to improv games, and situational role-playing, we engage our teens with an array of activities that further progress their leadership skills. The trainings provide an open door environment where teens are comfortable to ask questions and share stories without judgment.





### CONSENT and CINEMA FILM FESTIVAL

Change The Talk hosted our first-ever Consent and Cinema Film Festival on Saturday, May 4th at the Greenway Court Theatre. The festival featured 11 powerful films about sexual violence, consent, rape culture, and gender justice.

Thank you to all of the supporters of the film festival, including the talented teen filmmakers, Change The Talk co-chairs and peer educators, Greenway Court Theatre, teachers, parents, and community members.



Congratulations to the winners of the festival:

First Place: You're a Guy by Lauryn Uhlenberg

Second Place: *Homesick* by Nathan Kadota & Kristina Kalatschan

Third Place: I am not the Absence of Color by Analisa McFarlane

You can view the winning films at www.changethetalk.com/events.



Teen filmmakers at 2019 Consent and Cinema

# **TESTIMONIALS**

"Change the Talk gave me a real purpose and passion. Change the talk introduced me to social justice and activism, and it showed me how much I can make a difference. Being involved in Change the Talk has led me to become outspoken and a leader in all parts of my life."

- Lily Spar, Peer Educator, 18

"Change the Talk was an excellent workshop

for our high school students. This workshop created a comfortable space to discuss difficult topics, including teaching them the language they should all know when it comes to consent and preventing sexual violence."

- Nikki Bender, Counselor, High Tech Los Angeles

