



TALK's mission is to teach leadership skills and to provide a voice for diverse populations through the expressive, transformative and rejuvenating power of the arts.

**TEENS CAN BE INVOLVED AS LITTLE OR AS MUCH AS THEY LIKE**

Teens (ages 12-18) can choose any or all three of TALK's participation paths;

**KONTRIBUTOR, ARTIST, LEADER**

TALK harnesses the passion of teen creativity in a cooperative, safe and affirming environment, so that teens can effectively grow their organizational and leadership skills. TALK engages teens in regularly scheduled planning meetings where they have fun and bring ideas for various arts-based activities, such as art shows, plays, concerts, poetry slams and video projects, to name a few. In addition to helping design and maintain the



studio, gallery, performance space, TALK facilitates leadership experience in the following areas;



- **LITERARY ARTS**
- **ELECTRONIC ARTS**
- **MUSIC**
- **PERFORMING ARTS,**
- **VISUAL ARTS**

**TALK empowers teens to become difference-makers through the arts.** We understand that some teens come ready to practice leadership skills, others just want to display their talents and others only want to help at events. No matter where their starting point, TALK creates and foster opportunities for teens to join, contribute and ultimately play a leadership role.

TALK's adult mentors are trained and play an active, individualized role helping teens learn leadership skills, allowing teens to take the lead while they, the adults, provide guidance and mentoring, especially to those teens who propose and lead TALK events and/or older teens who are learning to be mentors themselves for TALK's newer, younger teens.

Steve Ploum, an artist, musician, art therapist & licensed counselor who has worked with teens since the late 80's founded TALK in 2012 with only 12 teens. As of 2015, nearly 100 teens have enrolled and TALK has been featured in over a dozen articles in seven news sources, including the Southtown Star, The Beverly Review, and the HFHS Voyager Review, among others. TALK is a non-profit (501c3) serving



Chicago's south side and the South Suburbs. Teens do not pay fees or dues, but financial support, in-kind donations and adult volunteers are always welcome. More TALK information and event news can be found on TALK's website.



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