

# RAISING MY VOICE

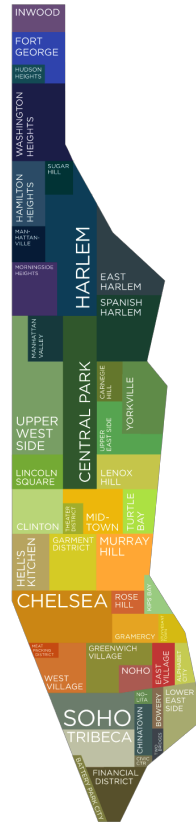
## Speaker's Bureau

“The young man who committed the crimes I was in prison for is long gone...and the man I am today is totally different... It is my sincere hope, though, that I can make change by making the streets safer. By helping out young men who were like myself. By talking to them, so that my story can, in some way, stop them from doing what I did.”

- Graduate of the Raising My Voice Speakers' Bureau, class of 2015

Raising My Voice Speakers' Bureau focuses on leadership training and public speaking skills. Over the course of 12 weeks participants will learn to:

1. Inspire others to support effective criminal justice reforms
2. Deter others from making the same poor decisions that they once made
3. Develop the leadership and collaboration skills required by employers
4. Improve confidence and self-esteem
5. Acquire opportunities for speaking engagements.
6. Attend alumni events and opportunities to promote personal and professional development



- In Harlem, 30% of parolees are re-incarcerated within a year of their release.
- 42% are re-incarcerated within three years of their release.
- Nearly half of all parolees returning to New York City return to Upper Manhattan.

### Parolees are returning to a neighborhood where:

- More than 41% of the population lives below the poverty line.
- Unemployment is double the NYC average.

#### IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

- Harlem Community Justice Center
- The Interfaith Center of New York
- The Church of the Heavenly Rest
- Network in the Community
- Episcopal Charities
- J.C. Flowers Foundation

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