

2008 AfA Summary

In 2008, Art from Ashes provided 248 workshops with 866 unduplicated youth (total attendance of 1,827 youth). Additionally, \$1,500 was distributed to 25 (unduplicated) youth poets for performance stipends at 18 events and presentations before more than 150,000 members of the community, both local and national. Facilitators typed 1,820 youth poems of the more than 3,000 submitted.

The Spot:

- 95% learned about new things at Spoken Word
- 93% said facilitators make them feel important

Coming to Spoken Word has helped me to . . .

- 78% participate more in class activities.
- 75% care more about school
- 78% get along better with their teachers and classmates
- 75% spend more time reading for fun (not for school)

Because I came to Spoken Word . . .

- 83% said they enjoy poetry more
- 80% said they were better at poetry
- 80% feel more strongly that youth like them can be poets
- 80% said they get along better with people their age
- 85% said they are better at telling others about their ideas and feelings.
- 80% said they were better at taking care of problems without violence or fighting
- 78% said they care more about other people
- 83% are better at speaking up for people who have been treated unfairly

Coming to Spoken Word has helped me to . . .

- 83% said they feel better about themselves
- 80% feel they have more control over what happens to them
- 80% feel they can make more of a difference
- 83% felt better about their future

What do you like best about coming to Spoken Word?

- Its fun
- Speaking my mind
- The feeling of being HOME with people who enjoy things I enjoy
- It's really motivating . . . A definite, must come back to another meeting experience!!
- Being able to express myself
- Everything
- Caring and friends to get to know
- It's open fun and exciting
- Hear different peoples pomes
- Respect
- The people
- The Truth
- That I can learn more about me
- I get to be heard

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Even one workshop can make a difference . . .

- 75% said they feel safe at Art from Ashes workshops
- 79% said facilitators listened to what they had to say
- 60% said they can better who others how they see the world through poetry
- 65% said they feel better about themselves
- 59% said they learned they can do things they didn't think they could do.

*Averages from New America School and Boulder Prep