



## Connecticut Youth Tackle Social Problems, Theatrically

### *Performance Will Activate the Audience Using Real Life Stories*

**What:** Forum Theatre Performance “Lived Injustice”

**When:** Sunday, February 8th, 5:00-7:00 pm

**Where:** Neighborhood Studios, 391 E. Washington Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06608

**Who:** Youth and adults from Bridgeport, New Haven and New London

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Bridgeport, CT – Can theater spark dialogue and action about the most urgent issues facing Connecticut youth? Come and see for yourself!

In a free public performance, teens and adults from New Haven, New London and Bridgeport will move audience members to action using real life stories of discrimination and injustice. Using a technique called Forum Theatre, audience members will have the opportunity to challenge the injustices they see by going on stage and changing the outcome of the play.

**Perrin Family Foundation** has invited **Theatre of the Oppressed NYC** and **New Haven Leon Sister City Project** to facilitate a 3-day workshop culminating with the public performance on Sunday, February 8th, 5:00 pm at Neighborhood Studios (391 E. Washington Ave, Bridgeport). The actors and playwrights will be **teens and staff from six organizations**: Neighborhood Studios and Excel Bridgeport; Writer’s Block INK from New London; and Solar Youth, People’s Arts Collective and Youth Unleashed from New Haven.

Theatre of the Oppressed NYC works with local communities including the homeless, immigrants, prisoners, teenagers and teachers to establish "popular theatre troupes" all over New York City.

New Haven Leon Sister City Project, which fosters sustainable community development and social justice in Connecticut and Nicaragua, organizes the Joker's League, a group of Theatre of the Oppressed facilitators who lead workshops in Connecticut and Nicaragua.

The Perrin Family Foundation partners with organizations based in under-resourced communities across the state of CT in order to create environments that support youth as leaders of social change. Visit [www.perrinfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.perrinfamilyfoundation.org) for details.