

SLA Public Art Project 2014: Social Justice Alphabet

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Project Description:

We want to support students in a large, public art project that will address young people's perspectives of the current crisis in public education in Philadelphia. We have collaborated on several similar public art projects and have a record of success and support from community and media. Public art has a transformative power to help young people realize their voices matter. These projects also welcome the general public into conversation about critical issues in our city.

This year our plan is to have the students create an installation in the form of a social justice alphabet. The alphabet will consist of large images of students holding a small chalkboard with messages like: O is for Organizing. [Here](#) and [here](#) are a samples of similar projects. Our goal is to give students a public voice about issues that directly impact them. We would like to print these portraits on vinyl, and install them in windows in the neighborhood surrounding our school.

Media & Photos of past SLA Public Art Projects:

[Newsworks Article on Inside Out Project](#)

[Edutopia Article](#)

[Flickr Gallery of SLA Public Art Projects](#)

[Streets Department Blog](#)

How to be a part of the Project:

Think of a word that captures the ideas and/or concept of social justice. Think outside the box. It can be a philosophy, a person ("M is for Malala"), a verb, an event ("S is for Soweto Uprising"), a concept, etc, not just concrete things. Have your idea approved by Manuel or Block.

Sign up to have your picture taken through [this form](#).

Note: The more creative your idea and the more obscure your letter, the better your chances of being included in the final project!

Student	Approved Word
Micah	Activista

Kadija	Apartheid
Kevin	Acceptance
Sattera	Bodacious
Christian	Courage
Lauren	Community
Gabby	Confident
Kyler	Democracia
Pilar	Determined
Angel	Diversity
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Sydne	Esperanza
Cameron	Engaged
Mitchell	Forward Facing
Daniel	Growth
Joe	Honor
Myrna	Hope
Sydne	Individualism
Naomi	Identidad
Alejandro	Justicia
Kevin	Know your rights
Ava	Libertad
Zach	Leadership
Taylor	Love
Max	Movimiento
Kennedy	Nelson Mandela

Ameer	Opposition
Amirah B	Possible
Isabella Blackwell	Passionate
Peter Ricker	Protesta
Jackie	Quiet Opposition
Mia	Quality
Antonio	Revolución
Amelia	Resistance
Monisha	Removing Barriers
Hezekiah	Suppression
Eamon	Teach
Nagee	Thoughtful
Nashay	Unity
Jasir	Unidad
Zoe	Voice of the people
Claudia	Valores
Mali	Words are never Weak
Jasmin	You can start the change
Stephanie	Zealous