

ANNOUNCING:

# The Voices Project...*Live!*



*"There's always room for a story that can transport people to another place." -J.K. Rowling*

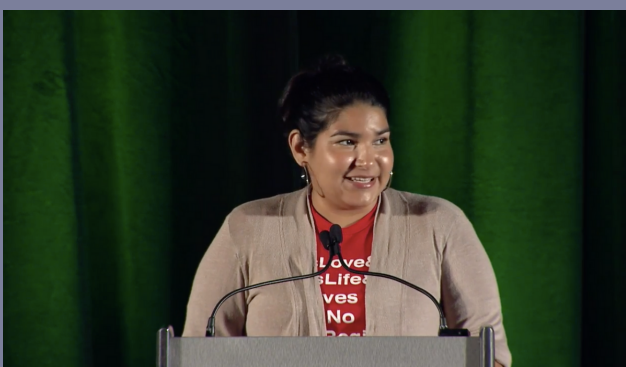
# The What

The Voices Project...*Live!* (VPL) is an opportunity for you to tell a **powerful gap year impact story** with members and conference attendees on the first evening of the 2019 GYA Conference. A tradition passed to us by our friends at the Association for Experiential Education at last year's GYA conference, The Voices Project...*Live!* will feature **our community's gap year stories** at conferences to come. We invite you to reflect on a gap year experience that impacted you in some way—whether it was your own, your student's, or that of another gapper that has stuck with you—and to narrate that story **through your lens**.

This platform invites **you**, the speaker, to share a story or idea through the power of voice, during a 7-minute presentation to an audience of approximately 150 people. A **coach** will be assigned to you to help craft **your best presentation**.

## We want to hear your story!

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# If a Gap Year Story Could Change the World...

Think of a time where you had an experience that became a profound teaching moment for you, something that truly influenced or transformed your way of thinking or being. Are you willing to share that message with others?

Now visualize how you would want to share that story. What did you hear, see, notice, and experience in that moment that had immediate impact or had influence years down the road? Is there a method in your delivery that helps convey your message?

## Timeline:

August 15: Submission deadline  
By August 31: Acceptance announcements

Working with your designated coach

At the GYA Conference: VPL Rehearsal

Telling your story...*Live!*

## Answer these 3 questions:

- *What?* What is your story? What happened?
- *Why?* Why is it important or developmental to you? What meaning did you take from it?
- *Now what?* How have you moved forward or how do you plan to use this going forward? What is the transformation? How are you changed?

## ***Know someone else who has a great gap year story? Nominate them to share it!***

Email Dianna at [dianna@gapyearassociation.org](mailto:dianna@gapyearassociation.org) and tell us why.

