5 WAYS TO EDUCATE YOUR TEAM ON ERIN GRUWELL & THE FREEDOM WRITERS

QUOTES:

"When different cultures come together, beauty is inevitable."

"I realized if you can change a classroom, you can change a community, and if you change enough communities, you can change the world."

"I have learned that, although I am a good teacher, I am a much better student, and I was blessed to learn valuable lessons from my students on a daily basis. They taught me the importance of teaching to a student - and not to a test."

"Silence will ensure that history repeats itself."

"I believe that education is the greatest equalizer; thus, I will continue to fight to equalize the playing field in an educational atmosphere that is not always level."

PREPARE:

Register to attend Erin's in-depth Pre-Conference Academy, **Freedom Writers: Engage, Enlighten, and Empower Your Students**, on Tuesday, April 27, 2027, 10:00am-4:30pm. Core topics and concepts include: Building Meaningful Relationships, Student Voice & Empowerment, Belonging & Inclusive Learning Environments, Challenging Assumptions & Bias, High Expectations & Equity, Student Engagement, and the Transformative Power of Education.

Arrive early and grab a good seat for Erin's keynote, **Freedom Writers: Engage, Enlighten, and Empower Your Students**, on Wednesday, April 28th, 8:45am- 9:45am.

Purchase Erin's best-selling books: **The Freedom Writers Diary (20th Anniversary Edition)** and/or **How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them** in your online registration account. Pick up your book(s) at the BOOST Exhibit Booth (0101 & 0105). Erin will sign books after her keynote on Wednesday, April 28th at 9:45am.

Relax poolside for our annual Dive-in Movie on Thursday, April 29th, starting at 8:00pm and watch the movie **Freedom Writers**, based on the book The Freedom Writers Diary and supported by a cast of actors who drew from their actual experiences on the street. Gruwell teaches us all an important lesson about tolerance and trust.

GET SOCIAL:

Follow Erin and The Freedom Writers on social media and send them some BOOST LOVE before, during, and after the **BOOST Conference.**

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Learn more on the Freedom Writers Foundation **website**
Share their posts on social media and use the **#boostconference**

CONVERSATION STARTERS:

What changes when we take the time to understand the story behind a young person's behavior, choices, or circumstances?

What happens when a young person finally feels that someone is genuinely listening to them? How do we create more opportunities for that experience?

Gruwell's story highlights the impact of one educator who refused to give up on her students. Who was that person for you, and what did they do that made a difference?

Where do young people find hope today? And what can educators do when hope feels out of reach?

Gruwell didn't "save" her students; she created opportunities for them to discover their own voices and possibilities. What is the difference between helping a young person and empowering them?

How do we create spaces where young people don't just have a voice, but know that their voice matters?

VIDEOS:

PBS ARTSPLUS

Becoming a Catalyst for Change: Erin Gruwell at TEDxChapmanU

TEDxConejo - Erin Gruwell - The Freedom Writers

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A Teacher of Hope

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DIVE-IN MOVIE: FREEDOM WRITERS
Thursday, April 29
8:00pm, poolside

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