

TRANSDIASPORA™

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Knowledge Initiates Prevention:
Talk Things Out!™



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mission

Communicating culturally-oriented **solutions** to the next generation fighting HIV/AIDS and **empowering** at-risk youth to develop civic **responsiveness** within peripheral communities.



Transdiaspora Network was founded in 2007 in response to the lack of prevention activities tailored to young people in culturally diverse communities, and to the high seroprevalence rates in Brooklyn—the highest in New York City’s five boroughs, and among the highest in the United States.

“ HIV prevention to me means to have self-esteem, self-awareness, protection and courage. ”

Jahmanuel, program participant

Who We Are

Transdiaspora Network (TDN) is an independent human-capacity building nonprofit organization conducting culturally oriented HIV prevention and awareness activities in Brooklyn, New York. Working with at-risk adolescents ages 14 to 18, we articulate a different dialogue about prevention.

We bridge the gap between mainstream approaches to HIV prevention and the needs of peripheral communities by tapping into the vast cultural reservoir of these communities, transforming apparent deficits into strengths. TDN goes beyond the biomedical and individualist approaches that currently dominate the prevention field. Our holistic methods combines education, recreation and therapeutic elements to empower youth to make better decisions about their health and protect their futures.





programs

TDN's unique programs are centered on the notion of embodied knowledge and the cultivation of multiple intelligences—emotional, intellectual and physical. Participants are given a different language to communicate with, as well as a venue where they can freely conceptualize and vocalize their feelings.

Afro-Caribbean Dance Mediation

is an innovative and holistic approach to prevention where dance and movement help youths develop self-respect and a sense of their bodies in relationship to others.

“ We bring a **new social meaning** to culture and tradition. ”

Ariel Rojas, President & Founder

Storytelling Dynamics

promotes active listening and allows adolescents to engage with traditional and new Caribbean folktales. The sessions give a voice to the teenagers' own narratives, even in the face of traumatizing events or challenging circumstances.

The Social Photography Workshop

fosters a process of self-expression and thoughtful communication about identity and community, and helps to unravel the connections between self, relationship to others, and the teenagers' physical surroundings.

The BOLD Initiative: Bridging Opportunity, Leadership and Development

is an internship for young college students who want to catalyze communal advancement in HIV prevention. Interns find new ways of engagement within the community by innovatively drawing attention toward social transformation and collective empowerment.



Leave Your Mark, by Fahmida
Social Photography Workshop participant



Our **solution** is real.

Support Prevention. One Teenager at a Time.

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“ Transdiaspora Network is hyper-local yet extremely transcendent and progressive in its definition of culture and prevention (...) ”

Radha Vij, Associate Director, Gutenberg Communications

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Transdiaspora Network has been exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code since 2009. We are a proud member of the We Are All Brooklyn Coalition, the HIV Prevention Justice Alliance, and the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day network.