



Children at the Well
Youth Storytellers for Peace & Understanding

A Unique, Award Winning Venture in Youth Storytelling



Telling stories, connecting with others, and building bridges in upstate NY since 2006!

- Why "Children at the Well"? •

Young people gathering to delve into the treasures of wisdom in their own traditions is similar in ways to the age-old custom of youth at the village well, drawing water to bring back to their families to sustain them.

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In 2006, the Interfaith Story Circle of the Tri-City Area launched Children at the Well to involve youth in learning the art of storytelling, and to use this art to deepen their understanding of their own tradition and that of others.

Our Mission

- Promoting understanding, respect and friendship among diverse cultures and religions by facilitating the sharing of stories.

Our Vision and Values

- We believe in the moral, spiritual and healing power of story to create a more vibrant, interconnected and peaceful world. The heart to heart process of storytelling from one's own truth, and story listening, fosters an appreciation for the commonality of the human experience and builds community.
- We believe that professional training and practice in these arts can enable young people to strengthen their empathy and find their voice so that they may take their place as artistic, inclusive and compassionate leaders in this diverse, globally interdependent world.

How we carry out our mission

- We provide coaching in the art of storytelling for diverse groups of young people.
- We provide them with opportunities to learn about and experience the variety of ways in which storytelling is practiced, and many opportunities to tell stories publicly.
- We provide opportunities for community service and leadership.
- We present high quality concerts of intercultural storytelling, music and dance.
- We hold parent gatherings, and other social events for families.
- We make presentations at regional and national conferences and festivals.
- We assist storytellers and others who are interested in forming similar programs elsewhere.

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