

Tubman MVP

Movement for Violence Prevention



Don't Sweat the Fall Stuff

It's fall, and we're back at it, bad puns and all! It's getting chilly out, but we're keeping warm in schools and community centers with all of you, chatting about healthy relationships, resources, supporting others, and making change in the community. As always, we have youth voices to highlight and celebrate! We're continuing to update our blog a few times every month, so you can keep up with us [HERE](#) as well.

Youth Inspiring Us



Mariama Sanneh

Mariama Sanneh is a 15 year old activist in Bristol. She is a trustee for Integrate UK (a youth-led charity that encourages young people to create social change). Mariama won the **Young Hero Award** from the National Lottery by fighting for gender and racial equality. She uses media and arts to spread this change. Mariama believes that there is a need to "diversify the curriculum so that all young people feel represented and valued in their schools." Follow more of Miriama's story [HERE](#).

Spotlight: That's Their Dream



For many individuals, 2020 was a year unlike any other. It was a year of self-reflection. **Sydney Otundo, the founder of That's Their Dream**, chose to dig deeper and search for her true purpose. She always knew there was something she can contribute to the community, and that was to provide the proper tools for financial education.

The first thing she did to reach the BIPOC audience about financial literacy was through a podcast that is available on all podcast platforms. Also, she created a financial literacy youth program, where the focus is high school age. She believes it's important to set keen focus on the younger generation because they are the ones who will create a difference. This generation is innovative and has the exposure to opportunities and technology to continue to advance. The That's Their Dream team recently expanded by adding Sip N Tip events that are hosted monthly for adults 21 and over. It's an opportunity for others to network and play a game by adding a financial twist to it. For example, bingo, trivia, and Family Feud.

That's Their Dream's mission is to provide a space to learn financial literacy to work towards financial independence and help close the wealth gap.

Find the podcast on [Apple](#), [Spotify](#), & all other platforms! You can also find That's Their Dream on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)!



Sydney Otundo, founder of That's Their Dream

Youth Recommendations

We have so many recommendations for you! These recommendations come from students, and we'd love to hear yours as well. [EMAIL US!](#)

BOOKS

The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna

Perfect on Paper by Sophie Gonzales

Down Comes the Night by Allison Saft

What Big Teeth by Rose Szabo

TV SHOWS

Squid Games

All American

On My Block

MOVIES

Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017)

To All the Boys I've Loved Before (2018)

All the Bright Places (2020)



On Our Minds

By MVP Intern

Since the pandemic, the use of technology has increased across the world, especially for young people. **This increase in technology use is a concern for those prone to cyberbullying.** Doing school from home often presents one with extra time, which may result in the increased use of social media. With this extra time, children and teens may engage in cyberbullying.

The stigmas behind COVID-19 have heightened the racism that Asian Americans are facing. Asian American youth are affected in multiple ways, in and out of school. With the increased use of social media, the chances of experiencing cyberbullying are higher.

One way we can prevent hate speech is to speak about equality and equity, which is known as counterspeech. **Counterspeech is the act of undermining hate speech with logical arguments and truth-telling.** Another way to combat this is through education. The more people become educated on a topic, through proper and true resources, the more likely it is that hate speech can be prevented.

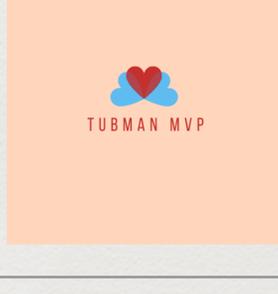
Even with this work, we may not be able to eliminate hate speech, but we can use these tactics to take steps in making the world a better place. Learn more [HERE](#).

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