



MLK Day Writing Camp Schedule

Monday January 16, 2023

10:00 – 10:15am Youth arrival at **Crazy Aunt Helen's** restaurant on Barracks Row, Capitol Hill, 713 8th St SE, Washington, DC 20003.

10:15 – 10:45am Welcome, expectations, and icebreakers

10:45 – 12:15am *Writing The Dream: a Poetry Workshop Inspired by Martin Luther King's Life and Work*, led by Joseph Ross

In *Writing The Dream*, participants will explore, in discussion and writing, some of their dreams for their lives, families, neighborhoods, country, and world. We will try to examine our communities, near and far, as Dr. King did, to see them as they are and then to imagine how they can be more just and peaceful. Participants will be encouraged to write and to share their writing. No previous writing experience is necessary. All you need is a desire to write what you imagine the world could be.

Joseph Ross is the author of the books *Raising King* (2020), *Ache* (2017), *Gospel of Dust* (2013), and *Meeting Bone Man* (2012). His poems have appeared in a wide variety of publications including *The New York Times Sunday Magazine*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Southern Quarterly*, *Xavier Review*, *Poet Lore*, *Tidal Basin Review*, *Beltway Poetry Quarterly*, and *Sojourners*. He teaches English, writing, and poetry at Bishop Carroll high school.

12:15 – 1:00pm Lunch at Crazy Aunt Helen's

1:00 – 3:00pm Youth and adult poetry reading, featuring Joseph Ross, Shaquetta Nelson, and Regie Cabico. Open to the public – including family and friends of campers!

3:00 – 3:45pm Free creative time

4:00pm Youth departure/pickup from Crazy Aunt Helen's, 713 8th St SE WDC.