






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Subject	Artivism's Weekly Open Mics Build Opportunity to Strengthen the D.C. Community

Dear Ms. Wise,

Artivism, a lifestyle brand that mixes art with activism, has developed a new way to strengthen the D.C. community and give young people a place to express their creative outlets.

Starting March 2, 2024 Artivism will be hosting weekly open mics at various locations in the D.C. area. These open mics will serve as an opportunity for people ages 16-22 to creatively express themselves through means such as music, poetry, visual art, etc. A full press release is attached below.

With community development and growth within the arts being important topics in your previous work, Artivism and their work throughout Washington D.C. is a perfect story to add to your repertoire.

Follow Artivism on Instagram @_artivism for locations, times, and dates.

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For Immediate Release

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How mixing art and activism could decrease violence and unify the community

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13, 2024— Artivism will begin hosting weekly open mics starting on March 2, 2024, in hopes of strengthening the Washington, D.C. community and slowing the rise of [violent behaviors](#) in the city.

“Most of the time these kids are just looking for something to do, but when there’s nothing to do they start getting into trouble,” says Joshua Hughes, co-founder of

Artivism. Hughes hopes that the open mics will give the youth something to look forward to and a way to express themselves constructively. [Joshua Hughes](#) has many goals and forms of artistic expression.

The open mics will be held in various outdoor locations throughout Washington, D.C. to ensure they are accessible to everyone and to protect attendees against COVID-19 spread. The events will also be held outside in spring and summer to protect against [Covid-19](#) spread.

Artivism is working to create a welcoming environment where everyone feels free of judgment and confident to go on stage and express themselves without fear or ridicule.

About Artivism

Artivism is a lifestyle brand that mixes creative expression with forms of activism. Artivism encourages young people to explore many creative outlets and use them to be a spokesperson for their community. The brand's main goal is to unify and mend the conflicts between people of color through a common interest in various forms of art.

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