

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Tarana Burke

Social Justice Activist / Director of Girls for Gender Equity



Tarana Burke, best known as the founder of the 'me too' Movement, shares the heartbreaking story behind the genesis of the viral awakening for women's rights, and gives strength and healing to those who have experienced sexual trauma or harassment.

The simple yet courageous #metoo hashtag campaign has emerged as a rallying cry for people everywhere who have survived sexual assault and sexual harassment – and Tarana's powerful, poignant story as creator of what is now an international movement that supports survivors will move, uplift, and inspire you.

#metoo is not just an overnight hashtag sensation; Tarana has dedicated more than 25 years of her life to social justice and to laying the groundwork for a movement that was initially created to help young women of color who survived sexual abuse and assault. The movement now inspires solidarity, amplifies the voices thousands of victims of sexual abuse, and puts the focus back on survivors.

A sexual assault survivor herself, Tarana works under the banner of the 'me too' Movement, which is housed at Brooklyn based Girls for Gender Equity, where she serves as Senior Director. On stage, she provides words of empowerment that lift up marginalized voices, enables survivors across all races, genders, or classes to know that they are not alone, and creates a place for comfort and healing to those who have experienced trauma.