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Inspire Youth to Become Community Activists

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In the 1970s, the Bronx was on fire. Abandoned by city government, nearly a half-million people were displaced as their close-knit, multi-ethnic neighborhood burned to the ground. While insidious government policies caused the devastation, Black and Puerto Rican residents bore the blame.

Now, Bronx-born Vivian Vázquez Irizarry exposes the truth about the borough's untold history and reveals how her community chose to resist, remain, and rebuild. - DecadeOfFire.com

Hi Anne,

Decade of Fire, Vivian Vázquez Irizarry's documentary about the fires of the South Bronx, is now showing in New York City throughout the month of August. Don't miss these [free screenings and Q&As](#) with Irizarry, the film's director and producer (and friend of DOC).

And while you celebrate Irizarry's achievement, why not take a moment to share it with youth?

Challenge young people to engage through voice and choice as they take the lead in making a change in their community.

- Encourage them to be curious and inquire about a change they want to make
- Assist them through self-directed learning as they research the history of their own community
- Let them use their research to propose a change
- Ask them to create a public service announcement (PSA) to support this change using film, poetry, dance, drama, music—any kind of storytelling

Then, **see what unfolds as youth begin to realize the impact they are capable of making.**

Click below to discover more ways to inspire the young people in your life.

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Upcoming Events!



Don't miss out! There are only a few spaces left in our **NYS School Age Credential for Aspiring Leaders** program beginning **September 4**. Register now to reserve your spot.

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