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ONE ARCHIVES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES YOUSPEAK RADIO LISTENING PARTY

EDUCATION INITIATIVE TO FEATURE CONVERSATIONS WITH LGBTQ+ YOUTH AND PIONEERS IN THE COMMUNITY

VIRTUAL EVENT TO TAKE PLACE JULY 21, 2021

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Los Angeles, CA (July 14, 2021) — ONE Archives Foundation announced today the **Youspeak Radio Listening Party**, an audio event that features **Youspeak Radio** youth participants, each leading new conversations with LGBTQ+ adult trailblazers. This free virtual event will take place **Wednesday**, **July 21 at 5pm PT / 7pm CT / 8pm ET**.

The event is part of **Youspeak Radio**, an education initiative from ONE Archives Foundation that explores intergenerational dialogs led by LGBTQ+ high school students in which participants produce audio stories through their voice and viewpoint, addressing their concerns regarding the past, present, and future. Audio excerpts from the project's inaugural group of six

students will be played at the **Youspeak Radio Listening Party**, to be followed with reflections by students and trailblazers on their experience.

The Listening Party will feature conversations with the youth participants and the following LGBTQ+ trailblazers; Chinese-American award-winning author, journalist, and activist **Helen Zia**; internationally renowned HIV/AIDS activist and founder of the Black AIDS Institute **Phill Wilson**; queer/transgender Tamil-Sri Kankan-American actor, writer and comic **D'Lo**; Mexican-American transgender activist and founder of TransLatin@ Coalition **Bamby Salcedo**; pioneering LGBTQ+ activist and founder of Gay and Lesbian Latinos Unidos & VIVA! **Roland Palencia**; and transgender community advocate, human rights activist, and Chair of the Transgender Advisory Council of the City of Los Angeles **Karina Samala**.

The Youspeak Radio Listening Party is a **virtual event that is free to the public**. Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youspeak-radio-listening-party-tickets-162566234985?blm_aid=267890689

Youspeak Radio is an extension of the **Youth Ambassadors for Queer History** program organized by Erik Adamian, Director of Education at ONE Archives Foundation. Since March, Youspeak Radio student participants have worked with Adamian and Umi Hsu, Director of Content at ONE Archives Foundation, learning the basics of storytelling, oral history, interviewing techniques, and audio creation through monthly workshops.

ONE Archives Foundation Executive Director **Jennifer C. Gregg** says, "YouSpeak Radio offers an opportunity to preserve and share LGBTQ history, which might otherwise never be told. What's more, it does so through the initiative and the perspective of LGBTQ youth. It's our hope that these audio dialogues will appeal to a younger generation more widely, and inspire them to be more connected to and learn about their history."

ONE Archives Foundation provides innovative education programs, curriculum and resources that inspire transformative stories of LGBTQ+ history to broaden the perspectives of educators, students, and researchers. Learn more about the Foundation's **education initiatives** here: onearchives.org/education/

Youspeak Radio and the **Youspeak Radio Listening Party** are made possible with support from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Visit calhum.org.

About ONE Archives Foundation, Inc.

Founded in 1952, the ONE Archives Foundation is the oldest active LGBTQ+ organization in the United States, and is dedicated to telling the accurate stories & history of all LGBTQ people and their culture. As an independent nonprofit, ONE Archives Foundation promotes the ONE Archives at the USC Libraries — the largest repository of LGBTQ+ materials in the world — and provides free innovative educational initiatives, public exhibitions and community programs. Learn more, donate and become a member at onearchives.org, and connect with ONE on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @onearchives.

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