

MARYLAND VOICES ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Using the Humanities to Spur Dialogue



Maryland Humanities brings oral history training to schools and communities with the Maryland Voices Oral History Project. Maryland Humanities staff and WYPR's Aaron Henkin (creator of *Out of the Blocks*) lead workshops in schools, libraries, and other community settings.

Workshop leaders introduce groups to oral history techniques and best practices, guide participants in formulating questions and the art of listening: then, participants interview one another. Workshops will highlight veterans, people with disabilities, the formerly incarcerated, immigrants and others; any group interested will be considered.

Learning how to collect and analyze first-hand experiences helps all participants better understand how history is recorded, why it is valuable, and the concrete ways events impact the lives of individuals. Beyond the historical research skills participants gain through creating original research, oral history builds life skills like empathy, critical reading self-confidence, intergenerational engagement, and more.

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