

How *New Youth Connections* Can Help You

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You can use *New Youth Connections*...

- To inform teens about important issues
- To prompt discussion
- As a catalyst for writing
- To build reading skills
- To show students how peers cope with difficult challenges

Who uses *New Youth Connections*?

English/reading teachers use it because *NYC* stories are high interest/low reading level. The average story is written at the 6th grade level. They are written by a diverse groups of teens, so students can find stories that reflect their experience.

ELL teachers like the high interest/low reading level content. And many *NYC* teen writers are immigrants themselves.

Advisory teachers and **SAPIS counselors** use the stories to help students talk about relationships, anger management, substance abuse and other difficult issues.

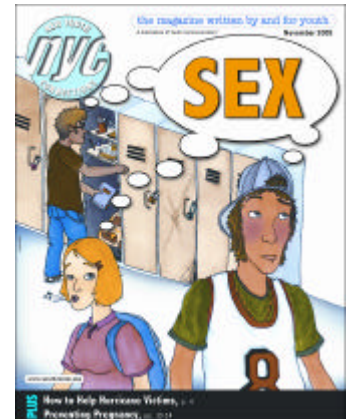
Librarians, COSAs, and Guidance Counselors place *NYC* in a central spot. (Librarians tell us that even non-readers go out of their way to ask for the magazine.)

Health teachers use *NYC* because almost every issue has stories about how teens cope with physical and emotional health issues. (Recent stories have focused on topics like AIDS and HIV, managing stress, nutrition, obesity, and sexuality.)

Regents Prep: Our teacher guides often include lessons which help students prepare for the writing sections of the *Regents* exam.

Four easy ways to use *NYC*

- Give it to teens to read on their own.
- Have teens enter our monthly writing contest.
- Have teens write letters to the editor.
- Use lessons from our Teachers Guide.



Two recent issues of *New Youth Connections* magazine.

What is *New Youth Connections*?

New Youth Connections (NYC) is a citywide magazine written by public high school students. It is published by Youth Communication, a nonprofit youth development program.

Teens from all over the city come to the Youth Communication offices in Manhattan. They write stories in intensive journalism workshops led by full-time teacher-editors. Many receive school credit.

History and Accomplishments

- More than 2,000 teens have written for *New Youth Connections* since it was founded in 1980.
- Chancellor Joel Klein explained his reform plans to students in a recent interview with our teen writers.
- Youth Communication was named one of the best youth programs in the country by the President's Council on the Arts and the Humanities (2000).
- *New Youth Connections* has won many awards from the Association of Educational Publishers. The magazine recently won first prize from the Independent Press Association for stories on school reforms.
- Program alumni include novelists, journalists, teachers, artists, and entrepreneurs.

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New Youth Connections Order Form

(For New York City public school staff only)

The New York Times recently offered to print *New Youth Connections* for free, and the Department of Education and the local districts are providing funding to distribute the magazine to new subscribers. If you don't currently get *New Youth Connections* and would like to order it to use with your students, please complete this form and return it to Youth Communication. (If you're not sure how many copies you can use, see the typical examples below.) *New Youth Connections* is published 7 times during the school year.

Name

Title

School

Address

City State Zip

Phone (and best time to reach you)

e-mail

(to send you distribution updates and other occasional information)

Special instructions (especially: Where in the school should the magazine be delivered?)

How many copies would you like:

50 (minimum) 100 200 300

How do I know how many copies to order?

* The minimum we can deliver to one site is 50 copies. If you only need 30 copies (e.g., for one class), please put the extra copies in a public spot, like a literature table in the guidance office.

* Some schools consolidate orders. For example, the librarian will get 300 copies, keep 100 for the library, and then let interested teachers take additional copies. Or an English Dept. chair will order copies for several teachers.

* We can always increase your order. If you need more, just let us know.

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See www.youthcomm.org for more information on NYC and Youth Communication.