

Transformational Theatre

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The Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) is a national nonprofit organization with approximately 90,000 student and professional members. EdTA's mission is to shape lives through theatre education by: honoring student achievement in theatre and enriching their theatre education experience; supporting teachers by providing professional development, networking opportunities, resources, and recognition; and influencing public opinion that theatre education is essential and builds life skills.

My Role

- Prepare and present workshops on Art for Social Change & Theatre Advocacy
- Facilitate Festival management and office support
- Speak in LGBTQ panel on queerness and theatre
- Support critical reflection within EdTA programming
- Engage high school students in dialogues around race, class, gender, and sex- and the stories that are either silenced or not heard.

Skills Learned

Conference planning and logistics, workshop facilitation and preparation, increased critical reflection skills, deepened understanding of intersectionality and community

