

BLACKSPACE SPRING 2024 WOKESHOPS + EVENTS

DURHAM WOKESHOPS

WOKESHOP: Music Production and Live Sound Engineering

LOCATION: Blackspace Durham [212 West Main Street suite 103]

DATES: TUESDAYS January - June 2024

TIME: 6:30PM-8:30PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATOR: .zone & Reem the Goat

DESCRIPTION: Connect with the OnlyUs Media pros to help youth learn the basics of beat making, music composition, and more. Entry is FREE and open to ages 13-19. Come learn from our collective of Blackspace x OnlyUs producers. Workshops are held every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Blackspace offices 📍 212 W Main Street Downtown Durham

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Black and Brown youth of African descent

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WOKESHOP: Space Code: Youth Open Mic

LOCATION: Northstar Church of the Arts [220 W Geer St. Durham NC 27701]

DATES: THIRD THURSDAYS, Feb 15-June 21

TIME: 6:30PM-8PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: Lani & Alicia Marie

DESCRIPTION: Space Code Youth Open Mic is Back 🙌🏾 Pop out with Black Space every 3rd Thursday starting next week Feb 15th 6:30PM at NorthStar Church of the Arts! We are looking for Youth poets ages 13-15, so channel your inner Amanda Gorman and come ready to share your poems, rhymes and heart! Know someone who is passionate about rhyme? Bring them and meet us at this FREE event!

WHO IS THIS FOR?: All youth

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EVENT: Med City Cypher

LOCATION: CCB Plaza [201 Corcoran St. Durham]

DATES: Every 1st and 3rd Friday (unless it's raining or below freezing)

TIME: 9:19PM-11PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: JAMM Tha Nubian + J Rowdy

DESCRIPTION: Every Friday at 9:19PM Durham youth gather in downtown Durham at the bronze bull statue to rap, sing, make beats, and create community together — we call it the Cypher. Youth are challenged to improvise and think on their toes and to build self-confidence and empathy. It's group therapy through Hip Hop! Elements of Hip Hop have roots in ancient African traditions. We've effectively traded one African drum for another: the djembe (an African drum made of goat skin, stretched out over a wooden frame) for an MPC (plastic pads connected to circuits and a motherboard), producing electronic drums that resonate positive vibrations out into the streets. Hip Hop was born in the Bronx, New York, at a time when many Black and Latinx youth were slipping through the cracks of the social safety net. Arts programs were being eliminated from schools, and youth were left with few alternatives, so they took their creative energies to the streets. Durham is at a similar crossroads, with underfunded schools, and historic disinvestment in the Black and Latinx communities. Meanwhile, as downtown Durham has expanded rapidly with restaurants, hotels, festivals, and bars, youth and people of color are feeling marginalized, and pushed out. The Cypher provides safe space for kids to occupy the heart of our city every week, to speak their truth unapologetically, affirm self-esteem, and help the creative fires inside each of them radiate. In doing so, they transform, not only themselves, but the City of Durham as well.

WHO IS THIS FOR?: Everyone

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EVENT: Bop at the Box

LOCATION: Boxyard RTP [900 Park Offices Dr. Durham]

DATES: Quarterly on 1st Saturdays (check our Instagram for specific dates)

TIME: 5PM-8PM

COST: FREE

FACILITATORS: J Rowdy + Reem

DESCRIPTION: Bop at the Box is a live music showcase that takes place every first Saturday at Boxyard in RTP (900 Park Offices Dr. Durham). Bops will take place quarterly on 1st Saturdays. This monthly event is designed to get RTP turned up and inspired with live music, DJing, spoken word, and more. This collaboration will feature talented artists and youth from the area throwing down with music, dancing, and a whole lot of magic.

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