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Detroit-area teen writing group graduates first class

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) - A Michigan nonprofit organization working to build understanding among teens from varying backgrounds through creative writing is celebrating its first graduating class.

One Earth Writing is marking the occasion with a fundraiser Wednesday at the Maple Theater in the Detroit suburb of Bloomfield Township. The event includes a screening of the film "Freedom Writers" and a discussion with Detroit-area journalists Brian Dickerson and Laura Berman.

General admission tickets are \$25, which includes popcorn and a beverage.

One Earth Writing was founded by Lynne Golodner, a Detroit-area writer, mother and owner of a public relations firm. She says her mission has been to foster collaboration and commonality among students from different races, ethnicities and religions.

Online:

<http://www.OneEarthWriting.org>

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