

From *Leaving Home to *Bringing it Home*:
A Conversation with Youth**

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This six-part conversation brought together youth and adults who live or work in an ethnically diverse, low wealth neighborhood in Porter County, Indiana to talk about their relationships and responsibilities to one another.

Session I. *What does where I live have to do with who I am?*

Readings: Gary Soto, "Saturday at the Canal"
 Vickie Sears, "Dancer"

Session II. *How does the way adults respond to kids affect the way kids are in their communities?*

Readings: Abraham Rodriguez, Jr., "The Boy without a Flag"
 Paulette Roeske, "The Deaf Girl Studies Poetry"

Session III. *What is friendship?*

Reading: Toni Morrison, "Recitatif"
 Zachary Griffith, "My Life"

Session IV. *Can the compassion of friends be a cure for sadness?*

Reading: St. Thomas Aquinas, "On the Human Soul: Cures for Sadness"
 Anonymous, "When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

Session V. *Can doing something bad ever result in something good?*

Reading: Annette Sanford, "Trip in a Summer Dress"
 Sonya Sones, "Stop Pretending"

Session VI. *How can people move beyond the givens of their lives?*

Reading: Francisco Jimenez, "The Circuit"
 Jose Marti, "Poesía a la Amistad"

*Primary text: *Leaving Home*, an anthology of short stories, edited by Darlene McCampbell and Hazel Rochman