

Youth Equity Stewardship Consultants



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Wade Antonio Colwell is a rising national voice for uplifting communities through relations across generation and difference. He is a devoted ARTivist, engaging through the creative modalities of music and lyricism, playnote/keynote presentation, restorative group facilitation, and socially-inspiring media production. He is co-creator of New Wilderness Project's touring performance *Borderless* and co-architect of their Youth Equity Stewardship Series (YES!). He is co-founder/MC of the group Funkamentalz, lead facilitator/consultant with Corwin (Deep Equity and Student Aspirations) and Lead Educator of Restorative Practices with NYC-based Counseling in Schools. Wade entered the educational field as a bilingually-certified secondary-level teacher & became a founding poet laureate of TUSD's K-12 Raza Studies Department.