The Importance of Writing

One of the students in the writing group at Parkdale Project Read in Toronto, Canada suggested that we write about the importance of creative writing as our topic. It was only after we finished these pieces that we realized the power of writing as a way to express and mitigate internalized violence.

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By C.C

Learning to read and write is as important as life is to me. I can’t believe that I have lived the life of someone who is non literate, but I did. At the age of thirty I still could not read and write.

But that was then, and now is now. I can read and write now. How wonderful it is to be able to read even if it is basic reading. Learning to read and write was not an overnight thing, it was slower than a snail. It was like taking baby steps.

It has taken me so many years. I am not near where I would want to be, but I have come so far and have so much further to go, and so I am learning for life, even if it takes me a lifetime to get there.

I love to learn. As a child, I was always fascinated by people who could pick up pen and paper and express themselves. I have lived in the world of oral expression all my life. It has kept me in the world of oral expression. I can express myself with my mouth very well. But we are living in a world of get ahead or get left behind, and I can see that I am being left behind and it is not going to happen.

So I have made it my hobby to learn. I am on my way. And I am learning. Going as fast as I can. Thank God I am in a country where I can get the help I need. I am not wasting any time. I am always in a book. I go to sleep reading and I wake up reading. I go so deep in a book and what it is telling me that I fight off sleeping. I fight off my problems and I read and read.

I love my new hobby.
Why is Writing So Important?
By Anonymous

Me I like to write my feelings out on paper. It expresses the way I feel about life and how I live in the world. Some people can understand me and again some do not want to understand me. But I feel good. When I am upset with people I can shout scream and yell and put my thoughts on paper, and I feel good even if I don’t get the action I am looking for. So I say the hell with it! And write my story to whoever would listen to me and try to make some sense out of it. It is so good to express your anger at those who give you the send around. You can say anything when you are writing when you are down or upset. It makes me feel good when I put my feelings on paper.