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Changing the Conversation
on Homelessness Downtown

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Join Us

CREATIVE SESSIONS

Monday mornings 8:30–10:30a, Minneapolis Central Library
These weekly workshops are the springboard for Dramatic Encounters and Performances.

SPRING/SUMMER DRAMATIC ENCOUNTERS*

Tuesdays 11a–1p through June, between 6th & 8th streets on Nicollet
These short performances or vignettes building understanding and connection amongst downtown Minneapolis community members – homeless and housed.

FALL PERFORMANCES

September 10 rehearsal/preview, September 11–13 at 12 noon, and September 14 at 5p, Nicollet Theater in the Round
Performances include a pre-event social hour for the downtown community and take place in the outdoor amphitheater on in front of the library.

MORE ABOUT DRAMATIC ENCOUNTERS

Dramatic Encounters might be a gallery of human sculptures with text, short segments of Homeless News, conversation prompts, ice breaking theater exercises or other creations from the hearts and minds of zAmya Theater company and library workshop participants.

zAmya Theater Project uses community-based theater to build understanding and connection between people with and without experience in homelessness. zAmya is a Sanskrit word that means “aiming for peace”.

Action Steps

LISTEN: Take the time to hear the stories – change your mindset.

There are many myths surrounding homelessness, including “People who are homeless don’t want to work.” Often, people lose their job and home through no fault of their own, and without assistance, it becomes a downward spiral that is hard to get out of.

ADVOCATE: Consider joining a network organizing to end homelessness.

St. Stephen’s Advocacy in Action Network

<https://ststephensmpls.org/advocacy/advocacy-in-action-network>

Street Voices for Change

Individuals with past or current experience with homelessness advocating for change. Email svoc@dceh.org or call 612-767-9219

Make Homes Happen Coalition

A grassroots coalition for individuals and organizations, mobilizing for production and preservation of affordable Housing and protection of tenant rights in the city of Minneapolis.
Email rteng@mccdmn.org or 612-843-3270

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zAmya Theater Project PRESENTS:

ZAMYA ZONE

DRAMATIC ENCOUNTERS ON NICOLLET MALL

SHORT PERFORMANCES
AND CONVERSATION
BUILDING UNDERSTANDING
AND CONNECTION BETWEEN
HOMELESS AND HOUSED IN
DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS.

TUESDAYS

JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25
11AM TO 1PM

**BETWEEN 6TH AND
7TH ST. ON NICOLLET**

Sponsored by Minneapolis DID
and Hennepin County Library



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