

“A lot of the kids we work with are exposed to community violence, chaos in their homes. But this very structured activity of beatmaking gives them a sense of more control. A repetitive beat is predictable; trauma is unpredictable.”

Elliot Gann



“It was dope because at the end of the day we agreed. There are a few brothers fighting but that doesn’t concern us. What is more important is the culture. So we are just one. And that’s one of the things that Next Level really did.”

Spyda



Conflict Transformation in Bandung



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“Meeting in the middle is extremely important; we need to coexist. The b-boys now understand that there are people who are different in terms of style that have the same dreams, same hopes, same aspirations of being better.”

Wanda



The Next Level Principles

- Show respect
- Be humble
- Be self-aware
- Be present
- Be flexible
- Share yourself
- Be professional
- Recognize your privilege
- Listen as much as you speak
- Value process over product

Transforming Conflict through Hip-Hop

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