

TEDx DeerPark

KATRENA PEROU

Katrena is the founding Executive Director of Inspiring Minds NYC where she created a culturally

responsive community school model that employs residents from the community in leadership. Katrena has worked in youth development for 15 years overseeing programs in over 60 NYC schools and 10 schools in Los Angeles. She has provided community models in over 12 NYC districts. She gave a TEDxTalk at Wake Forest University on innovative strategies for connecting to underserved youth in the South Bronx. Katrena has also hosted city-wide youth festivals at the Apollo, United Palace Theater, Restoration Plaza and Weeksville Heritage Center. Katrena attended Penn State on a full basketball scholarship and completed the Executive Leadership Program at Columbia University.

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