



Kevin Cordi as a Community Advocate and Organizer with Story

Your Community Tells a Rich Story. Kevin shows you how to tell it!



Kevin believes, “communities are only as strong as the stories they tell.” He also believes that a sense of place can be developed when someone writes his or her own story. To further this idea, Kevin has worked in elder hostels helping individuals reveal their stories as well as with World War II Veterans launching a nation-wide campaign entitled “Telling America’s Story: *Untold Stories of Heroes and Heroines*” for “Celebrate Freedom” in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. He recently served as the first ever full time “Academic Storyteller in Residence” for The Ohio State University. He worked in partnership with the Multicultural Center building and fostering programs to promote equity and diversity through story based work.

As a peace advocate, Kevin uses stories to help teach the principles of non-violence. He combines his work as a mediator to help children and adults alike to see the value of sharing their stories creating programs entitled, “Non-violent Means Told by Teens” and “Peace Talk: The Other Side of the Story.” As more and more people understand that non-violence is a choice, Kevin believes there would be less violence in the world. In his program, “Stories for a Better World,” he helps people envision a place for peaceful living.

Kevin believes in the combination of written and oral stories. He currently serves as the Co-Director of the Columbus Writing Project working with teachers in develop their own writing and curriculum writing plans to help students flourish as creative and competent writers. He is a published author who has written for such publications as: *English Journal*, *The National Writing Voice*, and *Storytelling Magazine*.

The Kevin Cordi Crusade

"When the electronic wizards took over the world they forgot to zap one lone knight. Kevin Cordi tilting at push-button entertainment and the simplest of weapons—his brain and tongue, Kevin Cordi is raising an army to rekindle interest in human's oldest communication skill, storytelling."

-- Guy Keeler, Fresno Bee

"Cordi has made it his crusade to teach the value of a storytelling legacy."

-- Quoted by the National Storytelling Network, 2004

Indeed, Kevin Cordi is on a crusade to help others value a good story. On stage, in schools, and in the communities of the world, Kevin brings a sense of place to story. He knows story is the key to unlock personal history and one's own story.



"As a teller Kevin Cordi takes you to places you never think of and that is a great gift to have. As a teacher he has a deep impact on you that you might not see at the time but it will hit you later. Take it from me, this is the impact you want."

-- (Deanna, student, Hanford, California, August 2006)

Kevin would like to help you discover more about the power of story. He looks forward to working with you and soon. To find out more about his performances, programs, and workshops, please explore www.kevincordi.com.