

# MICHELE KOTLER

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**Community Word Project**

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Co-Founded with Tamara Smith

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1998 Global Fellow



## BIG BOLD IDEA

**Develop at-risk young people into critical and creative thinkers who are prepared for the challenges and opportunities they will face in these rapidly changing times.**

## PERSONAL BIO

Michele Kotler is the founder and Executive Director of The Community Word Project (CWP). She is a graduate of Jamaica High School in Queens, and won a scholarship to attend Sarah Lawrence College. She received an MFA in creative writing (poetry) from the University of Michigan, where she also taught creative writing. Before starting CWP, Ms. Kotler worked with other arts-in-education groups in New York City, creating curriculum, training artists, and directly serving young writers in the classroom. She serves on The After-School Corporation's Advisory Committee, the Association of Teaching Artists' Advisory Committee, and the New York City Arts-in-Education Roundtable's Board. Her poetry has appeared in Washington Square Review, Painted Bride Quarterly, and the anthology, Days I Moved Through Ordinary Sounds: The Teachers of WritersCorps in Poetry and Prose, published by City Lights.

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### Organization/Fellow Location

New York, US

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### Impact Location

North America

United States

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### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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