ADR Lunchtime Series
Conflict Resolution Day 2018

Guest Speakers:
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Transforming Conflict through Hip Hop

Hip hop is a music genre developed in the US by inner-city African Americans in the 1970s. Today hip hop music promotes constructive self-expression and healing among youth worldwide. It can stimulate dialogue and promote cross-cultural collaboration while serving as a tool for promoting peace and understanding. In this compelling and lively presentation, Professor Mark Katz and Rapper Konshens the MC discuss hip-hop's history of successful conflict resolution and transformation, including its role in their work with the State Department's Next Level international cultural exchange program.

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