

REAL TALK: 2023

A Summary...

Real Talk is a unique new series that gives voice to the youth in our community. WISH-TV is proud to partner with the youth agency Voices, Corp., the City of Indianapolis Division of Reentry, and the Holiday Collaborative along with other youth agencies throughout Indianapolis in this groundbreaking approach to impact our youth and our community.

Youth leaders from 15 to 19 years of age, are selected to highlight a series of topics that they feel are the most important to them and to their peers. They gather feedback from local stakeholders, decision makers, parents and other youth agencies, giving them a chance to be heard and our viewing audience a chance to listen.

They receive training in television and podcast production, project management and community engagement. In addition to the television and podcast production training provided by WISH-TV, other experts are brought in to assist them. All of this is under the watchful eye of trained youth professionals and counselors from Voices,

We provided the technical assistance and broadcast three (3) 30-minute episodes of Real Talk in 2023 with an additional five (5) more scheduled to air in 2024. These are broadcast on WISH-TV and live stream on [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com). Over the course of the series, it is the Real Talk youth that picks the subjects, lines up local experts and decides on the questions plus they do the interviews.

After the broadcast, all of the episodes plus bonus content are housed on our website at <https://www.wishtv.com/real-talk/#/> where there is a form for other youth to sign up to be considered in the program as paid team members. We also provide all of the social media platforms available so that youth can connect with youth.

In addition, WISH-TV provide the Real Talk team free Podcast space for them on the All Indiana Podcast Network. They produce and create all of the content for these podcasts.

<https://www.wishtv.com/podcasts/real-talk-no-strings-attached/>

The broadcasts in 2023 included:

1. Real Talk: Social Media – air date September 4, 2023
2. Real Talk: Civic Engagement – air date October 2, 2023
3. Real Talk: Sexual Health – air date December 4, 2023