



Prema Bangera, born in Mumbai and raised on the unceded lands of the Wampanoag and Massachusett people (so-called Boston), is a poet, an artist, an editor, an educator, and a community organizer.

Currently, she is the Director of Programming for the Center for Teen Empowerment in Boston, where she supports three main programs: Teen Empowerment Studios elevating Arts-based social change created by youth artists, Core Group centered on youth community organizing, Boston Community Action Team with youth leaders focusing on civic engagement.

Bangera was formerly the founder and Executive Director of a grassroots nonprofit organization called Teen Voices Emerging, geared towards empowering girls & non-binary youth by using their voice & words through publication. Bangera also established a healing Arts program called Narratives of Transformative Love which was facilitated for youth and adults in various venues, students in Boston Public Schools, educators at the Summer Teachers Institute, and at youth organizations and schools in Kenya and India. Her writing has appeared in various journals and showcased at the Boston City Hall and painted on the streets of the unceded Naumkeag lands (so-called Salem, MA) as part of the Raining Project at the Massachusetts Poetry Festival.