

## **Call for Artist Facilitators - Healing Through Art**

We are pleased to announce that we are recruiting 2 Visual Artists to facilitate a series of participatory workshops for the individuals and families supported through [Hospice Prince Edward](#)'s Grief and Bereavement services.

### **Healing Through Art Project**

These workshops are part of a project being delivered through a partnership between County Arts and Hospice Prince Edward. It falls under our Art for Well-Being programming stream, which is inspired by a wide range of evidence demonstrating the important roles of art making and social connectedness in promoting positive mental and physical health. The workshops will be provided for free thanks to a grant from the Wynne Thomas Arts Development Fund.

The visual arts workshops will engage up to 12 participants aged 16+ referred/recruited through Hospice Prince Edward's Grief & Bereavement services. Our aim is for participants to experiment with a variety of visual art mediums; the Facilitator selection process will take this into consideration.

Participants will attend a total of 8 2-hour workshops; each facilitator will facilitate a total of 4 workshops. The workshops will take place in Fall 2023 at the County Arts Lab. The schedule will be based on the availability of selected Facilitators.

#### **Facilitator responsibilities include:**

- Facilitating four visual arts workshops in Fall 2023
- Supplying lesson plans and materials lists by August 1st, 2023
- Participating in a total of 3 hours of planning meetings, as well as training with an Art Therapist with grief/bereavement experience and Hospice PE representative(s)

#### **The ideal candidates will have:**

- Experience/comfort with facilitating visual arts workshops for new/beginner artists.
- Experience/comfort working with individuals who are coping with the loss of a loved one is an asset.
- A knack for helping people connect with and explore their creative potential in a low-pressure, experience/process-focused learning environment.
- An ability to adapt programming to meet participants' and groups' interests and needs.
- Knowledge of and experience with arts workshop/lesson planning.
- Strong facilitation, English communication, and interpersonal skills.
- A passion for increasing our community's access to the mental and physical health benefits of making art with others.

- Desire to be an active member of the Healing Through Art team.
- Desire and willingness to learn and actively grow as an Artist Facilitator.
- Formal visual arts training or more than 3 years of experience working as a professional artist or art teacher is preferred.

**Remuneration and other important details:**

- Each Facilitator will receive a \$660 fee (+HST if applicable) (includes payment for workshop facilitation, training, meetings).
- Training and all supplies will be provided.
- Facilitators will be hired as independent contractors.
- Facilitators must be County Arts Artist Members in good standing.
- Facilitators must obtain a Vulnerable Sector Check from their local OPP station - the \$41 fee will be reimbursed.

**How to Apply and Application Deadline:**

- To apply, please fill out the Application Form [linked here](#) by **Sunday June 25th** at midnight.

**Questions?** Please don't hesitate to contact Andrea Dawes, Special Initiatives Manager, at [andrea@countyarts.ca](mailto:andrea@countyarts.ca).

**Health, Safety & Accessibility**

County Arts makes every effort to ensure that all community members, including those who (or have family members who) are more medically vulnerable, feel that they can safely teach and learn at the County Arts Lab. Depending on a number of factors, we may ask Instructors and Participants who are able to do so to wear a mask to maximize the accessibility of this program.

**Equity statement**

Equity statement - County Arts is an equal opportunity employer, and is committed to fostering a culture of equity, diversity, and inclusivity. We value individuals who express and reflect our diverse stories, histories, communities, cultures and artistic practices. We especially encourage applications from artists who self-identify as members of equity-seeking and underrepresented groups, including people of colour, Indigenous people, LGBTQ2S+ people, and people with disabilities. Accommodations for applicants with disabilities are available upon request. Click to read our full [Inclusivity, Diversity and Equity policy](#).

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