



**YOUTH
CRAFT
ACADEMY**

RUE PIGALLE



**PRINCE
EDWARD
COUNTY
ARTS
COUNCIL**

VISION

TO PREPARE YOUTH FOR REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES THROUGH THE EXPLORATION AND APPLICATION OF CRAFT SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES



The Youth Craft Academy teaches youth ages 13-16 hand-making skills and techniques required to create functional and decorative objects, using various materials.

Participants will develop their creativity, gain confidence, and understand how craft-based skills can lead to rewarding careers. The program is delivered by local professional artisans, artists and other economic actors of the craft sector.

The program is delivered by the Prince Edward County Arts Council with the financial support of Rue Pigalle.

LEARNING CULTURE



Purpose-driven

Foster self-discovery and skill-building through fabrication and mentorship.

Inclusive

Everyone is welcome. Students will contribute to the classroom experience.

Collaborative

Encourage multiple perspectives and input to enrich the learning experience by inviting guest speakers, specialists, fabricators, trades, etc. to share their expertise.



Grades 5-7 students visiting Art in the County.

PRACTICAL SKILLS

Through the exploration of craft, students will learn the following practical skills:

- Manual skills
- Introduction to tools & materials
- Complex problem-solving, creativity, leadership
- Judgement and decision-making,
- Negotiation, flexibility, quality control, active listening
- Communication, critical thinking



Kids ages 8 to 12 co-creating a fused glass hanging panel with Artist Kirei Samuel thanks to support from a County Arts grant.

EMOTIONAL SKILLS

Through the exploration of craft, students will learn the following emotional skills:

- Relationship management, responsible decision-making
- Social awareness, self-management, self-awareness
- Civic literacy, cultural awareness
- Critical and inventive thinking
- Communication, collaboration and information skills



CONCEPTS

Through the exploration of craft, students will learn the following concepts:

- Design-thinking
- Diversity in craft - cultural origins
- Sustainability - origin of materials, circular economy, local economy
- Civic duty - community impact, social justice, equity



Do You Belong Here murals co-created by Youth and County Arts facilitators. On display at Benson Park, Picton, summer 2023.

OUTCOMES

- Acquire the knowledge and appreciation of craft design & fabrication - including the socio-economic impact of craft
- Engage in collaborative opportunities where multiple perspectives are shared
- Gain the confidence to express individual skills, passions, and ideas
- Ease the transition from the school environment to the real world
- Understand how craft-based skills can lead to rewarding careers



Fused glass hanging panel co-created by County youth and Kirei Samuel.

COURSE CURRICULUM

Participants must complete a beginner-level course before advancing to intermediate.

Year 1: Ceramic, Glass, and Wood 101

Year 2: Ceramic, Glass, and Wood 201

Year 3: Ceramic, Glass and Wood 301 plus Introduction to Fibre Arts, Metal, and Paper-making



ABOUT COUNTY ARTS & RUE PIGALLE

Incorporated as a charity in 1986, the Prince Edward County Arts Council (affectionately known as County Arts) is a member-driven, arts service organization delivering unique programming for artists, residents, and visitors with a direct and indirect economic impact of \$2 million per year. County Arts receives operating support from the Ontario Arts Council.

Please visit [**countyarts.ca**](https://www.countyarts.ca) for more information.

The Club, by Rue Pigalle is a travel and events-based community for women patrons of craft who celebrate and champion its place in everyday life.

Why craft? Craft is about appreciating workmanship and artistry. It's also about helping communities thrive, fostering sustainability, and safe-guarding artisanal skills for future generations.

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