

We are delighted to share this Final Report for the Art Flow program, run in collaboration with **Community Living Prince Edward** (CLPE) during the Winter and Spring of 2025. This unique partnership and program was made possible thanks to a grant from **100 People Who Care PEC**.

We kicked off the program with Facilitators and other artists in the community participating in an informative **Ambassadors for Inclusion training** facilitated by the CLPE, customized for participatory arts program facilitators.

Next, Art Flow Facilitators Kaya Joan and Lucy Sterezlyo guided program participants through an **8-week arts learning adventure** covering multiple mediums. Five spaces were filled by participants in CLPE's Youth in Transition program and five by other community members, to help facilitate the program's aim to **help young people with an intellectual disability make a smooth transition from high school to life as an adult in the community**.

The Art Flow program and partnership were loved and appreciated by everyone who was involved, and we had a wonderful time at the culminating group show. Participants worked together to create invitations, install the artwork, and welcome friends and family to celebrate the fantastic array of work created at Art Flow!



"I learned to make friends. I feel great when I make art. The artist instructors are great people and very inclusive." – Devin Marshall, program participant



"It is so important to have accessible and inclusive programming like Art Flow, to help folks come together in community to create art, build relationships, and explore new skills - in this program we worked on printmaking, illustration, character development, bookmaking, 3D sculpture, and more! It was a pleasure and honour to be part of the Art Flow and work together to create a welcoming, inclusive, and fun environment. Facilitating the Art Flow program was an extremely rewarding and gratifying experience!"

– Kaya and Lucy, Art Flow Facilitators

Art programs like this are the best way to help people feel that they belong - that they are a part of their community - and that they are welcome to explore their creativity alongside community members with similar interests. Through this partnership with the Arts Council, I've also come to understand the talent and abilities of professional artist instructors to help people understand new concepts and create great pieces, and come to appreciate how inclusive community arts programming can be.

We so appreciate our partnership with County Arts and their work to help people feel included, and that they're just as welcome as anyone else - not just in special programs like this but in all programming.

Brandy Lee Wilkes, Community Living Prince Edward

