

# **Call for Artist Facilitators - Art Together**

County Arts (the Prince Edward County Arts Council) is recruiting facilitators for our beloved weekly Art Together program!

## What is Art Together?

Art Together is County Arts' free weekly drop-in visual art-making program, facilitated by professional Artist Facilitators and open to all community members 16+. Art Together is part of our Art for Well-Being programming stream, which is inspired by the importance of inclusive participatory arts programming for our community and a range of evidence demonstrating the important roles of art making and social connectedness in promoting positive mental and physical health. Weekly 2.5 hour sessions take place at the County Arts Lab, with Artist Facilitators guiding participants in their explorations of different visual art mediums. Participants are also welcome to use our abundance of art supplies and/or bring to their own and work on their own projects.

## Schedule, Payment, etc.

- The Facilitator team is composed of 3-4 Artist Facilitators, with each Facilitator responsible for attending/leading one 2.5 hour session every 3-4 weeks
- Each Facilitator will receive a \$212.50 fee per session led (\$75/hour for 2.5 instruction hours plus \$25 prep fee)
- The program runs for 28 weeks per year this particular team will be engaged for the Fall 2025 session (14 weeks), Winter-Spring 2026 session (14 weeks), and Fall 2026 (14 weeks)
- The exact schedule will be determined based on Lab and Instructor availability, but sessions will take place on alternating weekday afternoons and weekday evenings to accommodate a variety of schedules
- Our Well-Being Support Worker Sharon Hart supports the Artist Facilitator and participants during Art Together sessions

# Facilitator responsibilities include:

Facilitating one 2.5 hour session every 3-4 weeks during the contract period - this
involves creating a welcoming, organized creative environment, and encouraging,
demonstrating for, and assisting participants with a wide range of abilities as they
explore visual arts mediums.

- Submitting short summaries of visual arts activities they plan to carry out during their session, as well as accompanying supply lists, to County Arts staff by the given deadlines.
- Working collaboratively with the Well-Being Support Worker and other County Arts staff to carry out the program.
- Helping promote and encourage participation in the Art Together program.
- Participating in team check-ins (additional \$25/hr fee will be paid to Facilitators for meetings) and sharing relevant information and best practices with team members.

#### The ideal candidates will have:

- Experience/comfort with facilitating visual arts workshops in a variety of mediums for new/beginner artists. The aim is for participants to experiment with a variety of visual art mediums; the Facilitator selection process will take this into consideration.
- Experience/comfort working with individuals with disabilities 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 support needs.
- Strong organizational skills and 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 Art Together 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.

### Other important details:

- 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 Criminal Record Check the \$41 fee will be reimbursed.

**Important Note:** For the purposes of this application if there are multiple well-assessed applications of equal merit and insufficient space to accept all course proposals, applications from PEC residents, and then Bay of Quinte residents, will be prioritized. Following that process, information provided in the voluntary Self-Identification section of the application form will be reviewed, and the applications of artists who self-identify as belonging to one or more of the Equity Priority groups in the Application Form will be prioritized. For more information on our Self-Identification Framework and Equity Priority Policy see here.

### **How to Apply and Application Deadline:**

To apply, please fill out the Application Form <u>linked here</u> by **Thursday July 24th at 4** p.m.

**Questions?** Please don't hesitate to contact Stacey Sproule, County Arts' Programs Director, at stacey@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 Facilitators 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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