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ABOUT ARTS COUNCIL WINDSOR & REGION

The Arts Council Windsor & Region (ACWR) is a community arts council and art service organization that serves all disciplines of individual artists, arts organizations, and non-arts partners in promoting, developing, and realizing creative activity since 1980. The organization provides the Windsor-Essex Region with valuable services, like ArtSpeak Gallery, Art.Work workshops, the New Voices program, FreeSpace arts residencies, individual grant consultation, an in-office resource library, a website which hosts updated resources, a community arts calendar, and the weekly ArtsNotes newsletter.

ARTS COUNCIL WINDSOR & REGION

Incorporated in 1979, and with a history of over 40 years serving artists in the Windsor-Essex region, the ACWR has offered numerous opportunities for artists to develop their practice, cultivate relationships, and access much needed funds.

IN THE LAST 5 YEARS, THE ACWR HAS:

Supported **7,691** artists

Offered **200** projects

Delievered **384** professional development workshops

Held **121** exhibitions at ArtSpeak Gallery

Engaged **292** Volunteers

Developped **74** community partnerships

Held **9** artist-in-residence programs

ARTS COUNCIL WINDSOR & REGION

CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The Arts Council Windsor & Region (ACWR) seeks enthusiastic individuals to join the Board of Directors. We welcome applications from individuals interested in fostering public engagement with Windsor's arts, culture, and heritage sector and ensuring its vibrancy, accessibility, and sustainability.

Term: Volunteer

Apply to: board@acwr.net

ARTS COUNCIL WINDSOR & REGION

VISION

To live in a community which:

- All forms and expressions of art are valued and none are privileged over another;
- Artists and art-workers are valued, respected, and supported; and
- Barriers to art-making are identified and removed to ensure equitable access to resources and supports.

MANDATE

We bring our vision to life by...

Supporting artists

- Providing a low barrier physical and digital space for exhibitions, performances and other acts of art-making.
- Increasing capacity to make art by creating a network of other artists, arts organizations, audiences, and patrons.
- Supporting artists to grow by providing professional development, mentorship, support for seeking grants and other financial supports, and promoting art making as a way of life.

Inviting engagement with art

- Providing opportunities to interact with art through our physical and digital locations.
- Promoting art expressions and events broadly throughout the region.
- Building and nurturing relationships with artists, arts organizations, funders, patrons, audiences and government.

Advocacy

- Advocating for community and institutional change that removes barriers and improves opportunities for artists and arts organizations
- Amplifying the voices of other advocates for the arts

PRIORITIES

Expand and **diversify the use of ArtSpeak Gallery** to be more **multi/interdisciplinary** and supportive of public art initiatives.

Expand **outreach to newcomers** in Canada, Windsor and the surrounding Region.

Expand **membership base**.

Build **capacity**.

OPPORTUNITIES

Board Directors attend monthly meetings and are encouraged to join a minimum of one committee.

As a Director you get to discuss and vote on key decisions within ACWR. There are opportunities for sharing your own ideas and shaping the arts in Windsor.

Additionally you learn the in and outs of what it takes to operate a service organization within the nonprofit sector.

QUALITIES OF A DIRECTOR

- A strong interest in public service, arts, culture and heritage
- Governance of not-for-profit charitable organizations
- Marketing, Communications and Public Relations
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- Fundraising, Partnership and Business Development
- Human Resources and Legal
- Finance and Accounting
- Event Planning and Promotion
- Artistic Programming
- Formal artistic or informal experience as an artist not required
- Administrative, Community Outreach, and Fundraising experience is bonus, but not required



Free Sound Poetry workshop offered by ACWR at ArtSpeak Gallery
October 8th, 2022



RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure effective organizational planning.
- Provide sufficient resources.
- Make sure the organization fulfills legal obligations.
- Provide proper financial oversight.
- Select and evaluate the executive director.
- Improve the organization's public standing.
- Recruit and orient new board members.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Board nominations are now open;
submit the nomination form
by email to
board@acwr.net.

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