



ArtsConnection seeks a dynamic and engaging **Instructor** for the
Teens Curate Teens Program (TCT).
(Winter/Spring 2018)

ArtsConnection and the **Dedalus Foundation** join forces to coordinate Teens Curate Teens (TCT), a 13-week course of study for high school students to work as a team to learn about the curatorial process and curate an exhibition of artwork by their peers.

The TCT residency and culminating exhibition featuring teen artists from NYC public schools are sited at the Dedalus Foundation. Teen curators and artists respond to a topic that is meaningful to them and the exhibition shapes the conversation around that topic. Past exhibitions have focused on such topics as orders, gentrification, money, the criminal justice system, and migration. The theme is developed through outreach to teens in the fall semester. Curatorial and programs staff from Dedalus offers their expertise to the program, which is managed by ArtsConnection Program Managers and taught by the instructor.

Teen curators will develop their individual perspectives and voices, while gaining understanding of the opinions of others. A call for art solicits student artwork from high schools across the city, with specific focus on the area around Sunset Park. Teen curators refine the exhibition concept through research, visits to galleries and museums, and learning the practical aspects of producing an exhibition. Additional workshops are held for artists and curators together to discuss the exhibition theme and the work. Curators also meet with ArtsConnection's Teen Advisory Council who plan and run the opening reception programming. The young artists and curators develop pre-professional skills through presenting work in a forum for discussion with peers and engaging with an audience during the exhibition opening.

As our mission is to provide equal access to all teens, the TCT program is FREE for all participants.

Our Work

ArtsConnection is one of New York City's most comprehensive arts education organizations. For close to 40 years, ArtsConnection has made a profound difference in the lives of the City's children by providing nationally recognized programming in the performing, visual, literary, and media arts to the New York City Pre K-12 Public Schools in the five boroughs of New York.

ArtsConnection's out-of-school time programs for teens provide young people with engaging art going and art making opportunities that challenge them intellectually and socially, helping them to develop greater college and career readiness skills, extending

their experience beyond the classroom. ArtsConnection *Teen Programs* attracts 15,000 young people each year through High 5 Tickets to the Arts, Teen Reviewers and Critics, Student Art Program, Pizza and a Movie, Teen Advisory Council, and internships.

For more information about ArtsConnection Teen Programs, please visit:

<https://teens.artsconnection.org/>

For more information about the Dedalus Foundation please visit:

<https://dedalusfoundation.org/>

Responsibilities

- Collaborate with Teen Program Manager to interview curatorial applicants
- Prepare curatorial curriculum, in collaboration with ArtsConnection and Dedalus staff, and teach 12 weekly after-school two-hour sessions on Wednesdays in the Spring semester (January – May)
- Coordinate with ArtsConnection and Dedalus staff the logistics of all workshops, special events, trips, and artwork installation
- Coordinate with staff and teens for the exhibition opening on the 13th week. Be present on Saturday May 12th for the opening reception
- Engage teens in discussion and writing about the curatorial process that encourages them to exercise critical thinking, articulate their individual perspectives with confidence, and respect the opinions of others
- Engage in ongoing reflection and assessment of their teaching practices and participant work to enhance teens' learning experiences
- Share unique artistic perspectives with teen participants and help them to experience the joy of learning in and through the arts
- Support the work of teens looking at art work and developing an exhibition through a social justice lens
- Report to the Teen Programs Manager
- Document the program with a residency outline
- Additional administrative duties include: communicate with participants and their families, set up workshop space with required materials and snacks, keep attendance, schedule and lead field trips

Qualifications

- Experience in project based work with teens
- Experience developing lesson plans and sequential units of study to build age-appropriate arts literacy skills and understanding for teens
- Skills/training and professional experience in visual art and the curatorial process
- Teaching experience in a high school or teen after-school setting preferred
- Willingness to travel with teens
- Ongoing commitment to strengthening teaching practice through feedback, professional development, inquiry, and collaboration
- Demonstrated reliability and responsiveness to administration and learners
- Knowledge of Sunset Park community a plus

- Knowledge of art history and curatorial practice a plus

How to Apply

Go to our website: <http://artsconnection.org/apply/> and complete Teaching Artist Application with the following materials (in PDF):

- A cover letter explaining your approach to teaching teens about the curatorial process.
- A résumé demonstrating your experience and training as an instructor.
- A sample curatorial residency outline for teens or high school students. Include the goals of the residency, and a description of a final project for students to complete as well as the daily learning goals, and activities.

Compensation: \$50 per hour of instruction includes additional prep time at \$30 per hour. This is a temporary position. No calls, please.

Deadline Extended: Sunday December 3rd, 2018

ArtsConnection is an equal opportunity employer. We have a strong commitment to equity and inclusion, and value the leadership and skills of people from diverse backgrounds. People of color, LGBTQ persons, and people from other historically marginalized backgrounds are encouraged to apply.