



Open Solicitation for Art and Entrepreneur Workshop Facilitators

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Purpose and Goal

The MoCo Reconnect Drop-In & Reengagement Center in Wheaton seeks workshop facilitators to lead arts and entrepreneurship programs in our shared space. This program was conceived of and designed by young people interested in bringing arts related programming to the Drop-In Center as a safe and joyful setting. MoCo Reconnect serves and works alongside youth between ages 16 – 24 who are experiencing housing insecurity and provide services including housing attainment & assistance, GED attainment, work force development, case management, mental health services, LGBTQIA+ resource navigation, and other forms of programming.

This new initiative is called the ***Youth Arts & Entrepreneurship Program*** solicits local artists to facilitate programming that is hands-on, interactive, and youth focused. Artists with experience facilitating programming in any artistic media, including, but not limited to:

- Art Funding Opportunities, Audience Targeting, & Brand Marketing
- Digital Media
- Music Production
- Podcasting
- Fashion Production, Design, & Sewing
- Poetry & Spoken Word
- Sculpture Design

Timeframe: Workshops will typically take place last two Mondays or Tuesdays of the month during the hours of 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Compensation: Each two-hour session will be compensated at a rate of \$400 (this includes any preparation time)

Contractor will:

- Develop and facilitate two two-hour sessions that build on each other on site at MoCo Reconnect specifically designed for young adult participants.
 - First session should focus on the creative elements of the chosen art medium
 - Second session focused on technical skills, audience building, and business elements required to monetize their skill set.

Contractor Competencies:

- Experience facilitating programs that are hands-on, interactive, and youth focused.
- Skill and experience in any of the following categories:
 - Art Funding Opportunities, Audience Targeting, & Brand Marketing
 - Digital Media
 - Music Production
 - Podcasting
 - Fashion Production, Design, & Sewing
 - Poetry & Spoken Word
 - Sculpture Design
- Creativity, professionalism, empathy, cultural competence, and experience working with young people.

Submissions:

- Email a proposal to yae@mocoreconnect.org with the applicant's full name and “YAE Facilitator” in the subject heading.
- A proposal consists of: (1) a letter of interest with a description of skills/experience, (2) a facilitation plan and timeline for proposed sessions in half-hour increments for a 2-hour workshop from beginning to completion, and (3) a portfolio with at least 4 or 5 artistic samples.

Review process:

- Submissions will be reviewed by staff and YAE program interns and selected based on quality of the Facilitation Plan & Timeline. Selected facilitators will be contracted as 1099 contractors in advance of the workshop session.

Deadline: Submissions reviewed and contracts are offered on a rolling basis.