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YOUTH ARTS IMPACT NETWORK

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Information on our next meetings can be found on the Youth Arts Impact Network [WEBSITE](#)



If you are looking for additional funding, we encourage you to explore other programs and services at the Council: [Programs A to Z](#). We also have a monthly round-up of [Opportunities & Resources for Organizations](#) as well as a standing page of [useful links](#) to reference when looking for possible funding opportunities. Review [Mass Cultural Council Artist Opportunities](#) and check out [ARTSAKE](#) for artist resources each week.

See [Mass Cultural Council Agency Dates](#) AND [FY26 Funding Opportunities](#)

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- If you need a creative space, a live/work space, or want to list one, see ArtSake's [Creative Space Classifieds](#)
- To list or to find a job in the arts and culture at [HireCulture.org](#)
- As an artist or creative, create and update your profile on [CreativeGround](#) so others can find you!
- Locate and/or join an [open studio event](#) in your community
- Cultural Organizations: Be a part of [Card to Culture](#) – Rolling deadline.
- Blog Posts: YouthReach [Blog Post](#) and YouthReach Final Report for FY24 - "[Create, Connect, Catalyze: YouthReach in FY24](#)" Arts on Prescription [Introducing the First Statewide Social Prescribing Solution in the U.S. Creativity & Recovery](#) and [YouthReach Awards of \\$1.87M to Support Creative Youth Development](#), YAIN Blog Post: [Youth Arts Impact Network – Keys to Connection and Impact](#)
- Click this link for UPDATED [CYD Mental Health Resources](#) and Boston's Mental Health Resources are [here](#)

Sept./Oct. 2025 RESOURCES



NEXT YAIN CONVENING

JOIN US!



We're excited to invite you to our annual fall in-person convening at the Carol G. Deane Hall at the Calderwood Pavilion (527 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02116) on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025, from 4:30–6:30 PM**. This gathering is an opportunity to celebrate and uplift the stellar work happening in our creative youth development sector, connect with peers, and share both your summer accomplishments and what you're looking forward to in the months ahead. Light refreshments will be served. Masking is welcome but optional 🙌 [Register here to secure your spot](#). We are committed to ensuring accessibility at all of our events. Please include any accommodation requests in your registration at least two weeks before the event, or we may not be able to fulfill them. For accessibility questions, email us at artsfund@edvestors.org. We look forward to gathering in October! In the meantime, we'll continue to share monthly resources and opportunities.

GRANT and RFP OPPORTUNITIES for Sept./Oct.



DEADLINE: 9/5/25 The **Peter and Elizabeth Tower Foundation** has announced that their guidelines for their **2025 Federal Crisis Response: General Operating Grants** are now available. This \$60,000 funding opportunity will support 45 youth-serving organizations working within their funding geographies (Barnstable, Dukes, Essex, and Nantucket Counties in MA). The Tower Foundation focuses its work on behalf of young people, from birth to age 26, who have intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities, mental health issues, and/or substance use disorders, understanding that they often intersect and that focusing on one may not be enough. They recognize a generally adverse fundraising environment, threats (veiled and explicit) towards at-risk populations, and hostility towards diversity, equity, and inclusion. There are no restrictions on use of these grant funds, nor is there a deadline by which funds must be spent. See more [here](#).



DEADLINE: 9/15/25 The Visual Arts in Healthcare Program at Brigham and

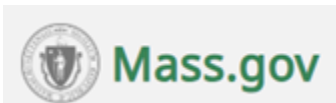
Women's Hospital (VAH@BWH) will host an international symposium from **September 23-25, 2026: Bridging Visual Arts & Healthcare: Impact, Innovation, and Research.** This symposium aims to build community between

visual arts and healthcare through an exchange of methodologies and emerging research among health professionals, art and medical educators, and artists. The central focus of the symposium is to advance learning in a community of providers by effectively utilizing the visual arts to improve skills and effectiveness, teamwork, and patient outcomes in healthcare. The symposium committee [welcomes proposals](#) from healthcare professionals, art educators, arts and humanities scholars, and researchers, as well as students and trainees. They encourage perspectives that examine cross-disciplinary intersections or invoke theories and non-traditional methods. Please email artsinhealthcare@bwh.harvard.edu with questions or requests for additional information. Click [here](#) to submit a proposal.



INFO SESSION 9/18/25 FY26 ACV Grant Program Funding Opportunity. DESE is working as a partner to support schools to use its **Arts & Cultural Vitality (ACV) Index** with supporting resources and offerings. This easy-to-use resource is a voluntary self-evaluation schools can use to examine your school community's unique arts and cultural assets. For several years,

DESE has offered a grant program to help districts convene a team to conduct an Arts and Cultural Vitality (ACV) Review and to make and implement an ACV action plan. We now invite schools and districts to apply for the 'Supporting Arts & Cultural Vitality Teams' Grant, attend an Information, and learn more about the [ACV Index](#) and [Grant Opportunity](#). **Register [HERE](#)** for the info session. **DEADLINE For the GRANT: 10/7/25 5pm.**



DEADLINE: 9/22/25 Massachusetts Geospatial Framework Grant: [Massachusetts Geospatial Framework Grant | Mass.gov](#) Regional planning agencies and municipalities are eligible to apply. All other organizations may be subcontractors in the grant applications. The Framework grant funds should assist in creating, revising, stewarding, or making Framework data more accessible. The focus of the program will be government organizations that have struggled to

develop and/or maintain that infrastructure. It is hoped that this program can provide seed capital for those organizations that will enable them to stand up the infrastructure, then maintain it going forward.



DEADLINE: 9/29/25 [Making It Public \(MIP\)](#) for Massachusetts Municipalities. A public art training program inspired by Forecast Public Art (FPA) and co-designed by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's (MAPC) Arts and Culture Department and New England Foundation for the Arts' (NEFA) Public Art Team, aiming to support municipal staff in commissioning temporary public art with more inclusive and equitable processes.



Deadline: 10/16/25 at 4:59 p.m. **Boston Cultural Council Organizational Grant.** This grant provides small and mid-sized organizations that are based in Boston or whose programming primarily takes place in Boston up to \$10,000 to support general operating costs. Learn [more here.](#)

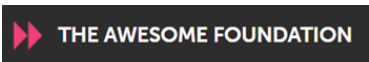
Deadline: 10/16/25 at 4:59 p.m. **Opportunity Fund Planning** a community-based project and looking for funding? Apply for the Opportunity Fund! The application is quick and easy. Learn [more here.](#)



10/20/25 [A.J. Muste Foundation for Peace + Justice: Organizing Grants](#) **Grant range:** Up to \$10,000 The A.J. Muste Foundation supports grassroots movements committed to advancing human rights, building equality, and dismantling systems of oppression. Grants are available to U.S.-based activist projects fighting for systemic change, especially those challenging militarism, economic injustice, and mass incarceration. The Foundation prioritizes smaller groups with bold, creative strategies and limited access to mainstream funding.



11/10/25 [Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation](#) **Grant range:** \$1,000–\$20,000 The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation supports community-based nonprofits across the U.S. where modest grants can have a meaningful impact. Funding priorities include museums, arts and cultural programs, schools, hospitals, youth and senior services, disability programs, environmental and wildlife protection, and other local initiatives. Grants may be used for projects, activities, or general operating support.



DEADLINE Rolling **Micro Grants [The Awesome Foundation](#)** is a global community advancing the interest of awesome in the universe, \$1000 at a time. Each fully autonomous chapter supports projects through micro-grants, usually given out monthly. Projects include initiatives in a wide range of areas including arts, technology, community development, and more. Many awesome projects are novel or experimental, and evoke surprise and delight. [Learn more.](#) Deadline: Rolling



DEADLINE Rolling MassCEC’s [EmPower Massachusetts Program](#) is offering two grant opportunities to increase access to the benefits of clean energy and/or reduce energy burden to previously underserved populations in Massachusetts: 1. *Innovation and Capacity Building Grants* ranging from \$5,000-\$25,000 offering seed funding to explore innovative ideas for potential program models and to build organization capacity. 2. *Implementation Grants* ranging from \$50,000-\$150,000 to implement new program models/projects for increasing access to the benefits of clean energy. Eligibility: Community-based organizations, non-profits, individuals, federal and state-acknowledged tribes, and municipalities.



DEADLINE Rolling **Music Drives Us** has a mission to inspire New England’s musicians of tomorrow by supporting their music opportunities today by offering **Instrument, Performance, and Organizational** grants. Click [here](#) to access all three grants.



- Rolling: [National Dance Project Travel Fund](#)
- Rolling: [National Theater Project Presenter Travel Grant](#)
- Rolling: [New England Presenter Travel Fund](#) See which **artists and ensembles have tour subsidy**

[available](#) through the National Dance Project or National Theater Project and contact their tour coordinator to start the conversation.



[Massachusetts Behavioral Health Supervising Clinicians Incentive Program \(BHSCIP\)](#)

Strengthening and expanding the behavioral health workforce is a key area of focus for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). This program offers \$500 per supervisee slot per month for qualified behavioral health clinicians in community-based settings providing supervision to students and

clinicians in-training who are working towards certification or licensure. This investment will offset the unreimbursed time spent providing supervision. For more information, review the [SCIP Program Guide](#) and view the informational webinar linked [here](#).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES Sept./Oct.



IN PERSON TRAINING - Application due date EXTENDED until Filled! Free Youth Mental Health Train the Trainer Opportunity For Your Organization [Health Resources in Action](#) and the [Boston Public Health Commission's Center for Behavior Health and Wellness](#) have partnered to provide an amazing and **FREE** training opportunity for community-based organizations that serve youth in Boston. Participating organizations can earn up to **\$5,000 in funds!** Identify up to two, ideally, full-time, permanent, staff to serve as **Behavioral Health Champions (BHCs)** and wish to improve Boston's ability to better support the mental wellness of our young people. [Apply here](#) for Cohort 3 (**October 2025**) and Cohort 4 (**January 2026**).



The National Guild for Community Arts Education is offering two new cohorts of their upcoming Intercultural Institute's and Community Arts Education Leadership (CAELI). See these [links](#), [info](#), [Sessions](#), and other resources to learn more.

- **DEADLINE 10/1/25 and 9/3/25 3-4PM ZOOM Info Session [Organizational Liberation Cohort](#)** (meeting Dec. 2025-March 2026 – in person in New Orleans in Jan. 2026) Understand your organization's practices and policies to develop a transformative plan and implementation strategy. [Register here](#)
- **DEADLINE 10/3/25 and 9/11/25 2-3 PM ZOOM Info Session [Community Advocacy Virtual Pilot](#)** (meeting Oct. 2025-Nov. 2025) **Are you an artist, cultural worker, or creative organizer ready to build people power and transform communities?** Join the National Guild for an info session to learn more. Rooted in advocacy, representation, training, and strategy, CAELII: Community Advocacy Cohort will prepare a new generation of community-rooted leaders to lead honest dialogue, facilitate collective decision-making, and step into political roles. This **8-week virtual civic leadership pilot program** begins on October 9 and is designed to equip arts leaders, including teaching artists, arts administrators, and advocates, with the skills to run effective campaigns and step into public leadership roles. Build community, create engagement strategies, and learn how civic systems work to imagine how your unique perspective can contribute to shaping them. This pilot initiative is presented in partnership with [The 100K Project](#) and the [Cleveland Arts Education Consortium](#), and will be led by **Dr. Quanice Floyd**, Executive Director, National Guild, and **Tom Tresser**, Civic Educator and Founder, The 100K Project. Register [here](#).
- **9/18/25 1PM ET ZOOM Monthly Community Arts Education September Guild Advocacy Briefing.** Get the latest federal policy updates, learn about current legislative efforts, Participate in an open Q&A, share your advocacy experiences, and access valuable resources, including an advocacy toolkit and website updates Amplify your advocacy efforts and [Register here](#)
 - Subscribe to the Guild's newsletter: guildinfo@nationalguild.org.
 - Need resources? See their [resource page](#), the [news page](#) and [visit their job board](#)
 - **Interested in Digital Marketing and Building Your Student Roster?** [Take the National Guild Survey!](#) The Guild is excited to partner with [Cole Arts and Education Consulting](#) to present a webinar series, "**Employing Digital Marketing and Social Media to Identify, Engage, and Enroll New Students,**" this October. To support the series, they are conducting a brief survey to help ensure they provide timely and valuable solutions. The survey will take **5 minutes** to complete and includes two tokens of appreciation. Click here to [Take the Survey!](#)



ZOOM 9/4/25 NEFA [CreativeGround Profile Support Session](#) Grab tips and ask questions about creating or improving your CreativeGround profile. Sessions are held monthly, alternating between profile and search support—[sign up today!](#)

ZOOM 9/10/25 NEFA [CreativeGround Fall Community Leader Workshop](#) Leaders working in creative communities across New England are invited to learn how to use CreativeGround as a powerful tool to support and amplify your community's creatives. [Register today!](#)



9/10/25 and 9/17/25 The [Arts Action Consortium](#) is hosting a [workshop on Project Management with Ana Tinajero](#) on Sep. 10 & 17. Working on an artistic endeavor, event, or production and not sure where to start? Get an introduction into the basic building blocks of planning, executing, and monitoring a project, no matter the size. Ana Tinajero is an award-winning Afro-Latin dance artist, entrepreneur, and performing arts curator who loves engineering spaces for community connection through the arts. In this workshop, she will cover the fundamentals of crafting a blueprint for success.



IN PERSON 9/23/25 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM The [Arts Action Consortium](#) is hosting a [workshop on Navigating Institutions](#) Come join Deshaun Gordon-King of Dunamis Boston for an engaging event where they will discuss the ins and outs of navigating institutions in the arts world. Whether you're an artist, curator, or simply curious about how institutions operate, this event is for you! Join them at 15 Channel Center St in Boston for a day filled with insightful discussions, networking opportunities, and maybe even a few surprises along the way. Don't miss out on this chance to connect with like-minded individuals and gain valuable knowledge about the art world.



VIRTUAL 9/17/25 9:00 am to 12:00 pm [Asking Without Anxiety - A Major Gifts Workshop](#) In this lively three-hour PhilanthropyMA Workshop, you will learn how to reach out to your donors to more fully engage them in the life of your organization.



VIRTUAL 9/25/25 11AM [MMA](#) The Non-Profit Organizations/Public Charities Division of the MA Attorney General's Office is hosting a series of webinars designed to address the needs of the non-profit sector. [MassAGO Webinar Session II: Organizational Restructuring, Strategic Affiliations, or Wind-down](#) is the second webinar offered in the series and will discuss the legal implications of organizational restructuring, strategic affiliations, and how to orderly wind down charitable activities, and potentially dissolve, if you are no longer able to operate independently. [LINK TO REGISTER](#)



IN PERSON 9/25/25. Associated Industries of Massachusetts is hosting a [September Economic Outlook Forum](#) at Roxbury Community College. Rick MacDonald, Managing Director and New England Region Manager at JP Morgan Commercial Banking, delivers a powerful keynote address, offering a compelling look into how Massachusetts businesses are thinking, feeling, and responding to today's economic landscape. Registration Required.



IN PERSON 9/26/25 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM [OYEA Partner Network Meeting](#) at the [Museum of Science](#) (1 Science Park Boston, MA 02114) gathering in the d'Arbeloff Suite on the upper level of the museum. Join the network and hear more findings from the Youth Speaks Boston needs assessment, recap of Boston After Dark 2025, exciting updates to their Professional Development Series, with time to network with other members of Boston's youth-serving community.



OYEA Professional Development is back - Claim Your Seat! OYEA is thrilled to announce four new trainings in the OYEA Professional Development Series happening this fall. These FREE trainings are open to any and all professionals working with young people in Boston. Breakfast is provided and workshops are led by career experts in their fields. This is a great opportunity to brush up on old skills or learn new ones. Seats are filling up fast, reserve yours today! [Learn More & Register!](#) [RSVP Here!](#)

- **IN PERSON 9/18/25 9-12PM Facilitation and Group Management** at BCYF Tobin.
- **IN PERSON 9/25/25 10-12PM Adolescent Development and Relationship Building** at BCYF Tobin.
- **IN PERSON 10/1/25 10-12PM Social Emotional Learning** at the Bolling Building
- **IN PERSON 10/16/25 10-12PM Introduction to Restorative Justice** for Youth Workers



IN PERSON 10/8/25. Registration is now open for The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod's [Creative Exchange Conference 2025](#). Join us for a full day of inspiration, collaboration, and creative energy . at the Cotuit Center for the Arts that will bring together artists, cultural leaders, and community members from across the region.



The BEST Initiative is thrilled to announce their Fall/Winter Training Calendar. Registration is now open for their three upcoming trainings, which include: [Parent/Caregiver Engagement: October 16th](#), 10am-1pm. [Youth Development 101: November 13th](#), 10am-2:30pm. [Supervising Youth Training: January 13th & 15th, 2026](#), 10am-1pm. Click [here](#) to head to their website to find out more information and register. Please email best@hria.org with any questions or comments.



VIRTUAL 10/5, 11/12, 1/6, 3/11, 5/5/26 4:00-5:00PM. *Are you a current or aspiring PK-12 arts leader looking for a free way to boost your leadership to advance arts education in Massachusetts? Join the 25-26 Arts Leaders Network* (now in its sixth year) and find a community of other colleagues who

are also committed to leading in arts education, explore opportunities to collaborate, discuss, and share resources and strategies for addressing various arts content priorities across MA. **Register [HERE](#)** for the network.



VIRTUAL WEBINAR 12/9, 1/28, 3/10, 4/29/26 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Arts and Cultural Vitality (ACV) Professional Learning Opportunity Schools/districts who are preparing for and engaging in a self-review using the [ACV Index](#) are welcome and invited to attend the free **Professional Learning Community (PLC)**.

Any schools/districts who receive potential funding for this work are required to send a representative to the PLC. **Register [here](#)**.



Music & Theatre MTEL Objective Review Committee members are needed! The Department and the Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson are seeking Massachusetts educators who hold a provisional, initial or professional Music or Theater license or educator preparation faculty with expertise in these content areas to participate in an upcoming Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL) Objective Review Committees. The Department is committed to centering the voices of people who have been historically marginalized in public education, and DESE strongly encourages Black, Indigenous, Hispanic and Latino, Asian, other educators of color, and members of other historically marginalized groups to apply. Interested educators are asked to [please complete an application online](#). Anyone with questions about this opportunity can email Robyn Kaczowka at evaluationsystemscrg@pearson.com **10/7/25 7:30-5:00PM Theater Objective Review Committee 10/8/25 7:30-5:00PM Music Objective Review Committee**



VIRTUAL 10/9/25, Thurs. 4:00 – 4:30PM, DESE's Arts Information Forum. **Register by 10/7/25.** DESE invites individuals who work in any of the arts disciplines (Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts) in PreK-12 school settings or any school or district administrators who are responsible for

supporting arts programming are invited to attend. DESE Arts Lead, Dawn Benski, will speak to current and upcoming resources, opportunities, and initiatives provided by the Department and attendees will be able to speak to how arts resources can best support their teaching needs. Register [HERE](#) Please email Dawn Benski with any questions.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR Adults and YOUNG PEOPLE in Sept./Oct.



DEADLINE EXTENDED:9/5/25 GlobeDocs Emerging Filmmaker Competition. The Boston Globe invites students and filmmakers under 25 years old to submit an original short film to our emerging filmmakers contest. Winning selections will be screened during the 11th annual GlobeDocs Film Festival. [Submit your Film Here](#) *IN PERSON: October 22-26, 2025 GlobeDocs Film Festival Submissions. Produced by The Boston Globe, **GlobeDocs Film Festival** celebrates documentary filmmaking and invites filmmakers, award-winning journalists, and special guests from around the globe to gather in Boston for this annual event. The eleventh annual festival will take place on October 22-26, 2025 at the Brattle Theatre,*

Coolidge Corner Theatre, Alamo Drafthouse, and online. See [more here](#).



IN PERSON 9/14/25 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open Streets Continue! Dorchester Ave. During Open Streets, the city closes neighborhood streets to vehicular traffic to allow local businesses to expand into the street and make space for music, activities, resource tables, games, and more. Open Streets are continuing this fall in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Jamaica

PlainLearn more at Boston.gov/Open-Streets.



[LEGO® Education Science](#): How much energy does a snail need? What can you eat with a bird beak? How are your cells like a tiny city? Science teaches us to ask curious questions to understand the world around us. LEGO® Education Science invites students to ask questions, solve problems, and explore new ideas, all while fostering skills in collaboration and creativity. From analyzing fossils to explaining gravity to

modeling photosynthesis, LEGO® Education Science gives K-8 students the chance to practice scientific skills and deepen their understanding of concepts from across the domains of science. With teacher facilitation notes and classroom presentations for 120 lessons, teachers of any experience level can easily make science learning engaging, impactful, and hands-on.



[The Play Spot Adventure: Turn Empty Spaces into Amazing Places](#). Transform your city or community with the power of play! The Play Spot Adventure Educator Toolkit asks students to reimagine vacant neighborhood spaces as hubs of creativity, STEAM innovation, and community connection. This free toolkit from LEGO® Education includes an educator guide, worksheets, videos, classroom slides, and a spotlight

on four STEAM careers that emphasize community building

IN PERSON 9/25/25 | 5-7 p.m. Express Yourself and Endicott College presents: DREAM Pop-Up Exhibit RECEPTION Thursday Endicott College Manninen Center for the Arts- 406 Hale St, Beverly, MA 01915 Carol Grillo Gallery.



This year's Express Yourself pop-up exhibition celebrates DREAM, showcasing the imaginative talents of youth in collaboration with the incredible staff who bring this annual performance to life.

Featuring Carousel Animals from DREAM these large puppets were featured center stage at the May performance at the Boch Center - Wang Theatre. Join them for the opening reception with light hors

d'oeuvres, drinks, and music. [RSVP](#) - free and open to the public.



9/27 and 9/28/25 11:00-7:00PM The [Mass Music & Arts Summit](#) (MMAS) is an annual event that brings together New England's rising artists and creatives for a full weekend of panels, performances, workshops, and networking opportunities. This high-impact summit brings together New England's rising talent and national leaders in the music, arts and entertainment industry, creating space for connection, education, and creative elevation. Many speakers and performers ([see full lineup here](#)). It is held at the Aloft Boston Seaport Hotel — 401 D Street, Boston, MA 02110. Get tickets [here](#).



DEADLINE: 9/30/25. Submit Your Photos! Do you love photographing nature? Share your most striking shots from Massachusetts or Mass Audubon's Wildwood Camp in New Hampshire—wildlife, landscapes, or people soaking in the outdoors. They are interested in photos that celebrate nature. Winners enjoy gift certificates to the [Mass Audubon Shop](#), having their work displayed in an online exhibit, and bragging rights. **Enter the contest [here](#)**. (see examples on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)) The contest is free to enter.

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Deadline: 10/29/25 at 4:59 p.m. **Youth Poet Laureate Application** The search for Boston's next Youth Poet Laureate have applications that open on Monday, September 15, 2025. Learn [more here](#).

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Opportunity for High School Youth: Join the Mayor's Youth Council The [Boston Mayor's Youth Council](#) is a citywide program designed to empower and engage the young people of Boston in civic leadership and community development. They are now accepting applications for the 2025–2026 school year. We encourage partners to share this opportunity with eligible youth in your networks.

Please help us spread the word! See the [promotional toolkit](#) that includes a variety of graphics and language to make sharing easy.

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Deadline: 10/13/25, at 4:59 p.m. **Fay Chandler Emerging Art Exhibition Call For Art.** Do you want the chance to see your artwork displayed at Boston City Hall? Emerging artists who live, work, or create in the Greater Boston area are encouraged to submit their artwork to the Fay Chandler Emerging Art Exhibition! Prizes Best in Show: \$3,000 50+: \$2,000 New Voice: \$2,000 3 Juror's

Choice Awards: \$500 each Learn more here.



[The NAN Project](#) provides proactive suicide prevention education through hopeful stories of lived experience to young people and their communities. Interested in becoming a peer mentor? See application [here](#). Find further resources [here](#).



DEADLINE: Rolling. Boston Logan Airport Musicians Call Massport is working with Mass Cultural

Council to develop a pilot project called Live Music at Logan. The project will connect local musicians with unique opportunities to showcase their talents to a global audience at Boston Logan International Airport. Currently seeking solo acts who thrive in a busking setting and excel at captivating an ever-changing crowd. If you have a dynamic performance style and a history of engaging diverse audiences in lively public spaces, submit your interest and share your talent in action. Please note that this opportunity is contingent upon passing a mandatory security check and is currently in the exploratory phase. Join the process and play a pivotal role in enriching the travel experience for visitors worldwide. This is a paid. [Learn more](#).

BOSTON OYEA RESOURCES:

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- Visit the [YouthLine](#) website — it helps connect Boston's youth to resources, services, programs, and opportunities throughout the City of Boston!
- Boston Public Library Homework Help — Available in-person at various library locations and online. [Read more here](#).
- FutureBos — offers part-time job opportunities for Boston residents ages 14-24. [Apply here](#).
- [SPARK Boston Council](#) — This council works to give 20- to 35-year-olds a greater role in planning for the City's future.
- City of Boston's [Career Center](#) — Apply to work for the City of Boston

Further connect with **Office of Youth Engagement & Advancement (OYEA)** on [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#)

OPPORTUNITIES IN WESTERN MA in Sept./Oct.

NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM

9/13/25 11:00 am - 3:00 pm **Second Saturdays for Families** Norman Rockwell Museum 9 Glendale Rd / Rte 183, Stockbridge, MA, United States [Buy Tickets](#)
Free with Admission, Drop-in – no reservation required. Join them for fun and interactive programming inspired by the art of Norman Rockwell and Walter

Wick, creator of the I Spy books for children. Try your hand at making art inspired by these beloved illustrators. You'll want to

return again and again with a variety of fun and engaging experiences for the whole family; it's the perfect way to spend some quality time together!



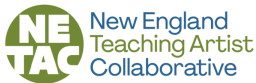
IN PERSON and LIVESTREAM Virtual 9/25-9/28/25 WIT 2025: Words, Ideas, and Thinkers Festival in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. The WIT Literary Festival is a celebration of writers, their work, and the vital role they play in society. The WIT Literary Festival reflects the belief that a rich culture of free expression is essential to a thriving democracy. Who are we? What do we believe? In what kind of country do we want to live? Theme: The Power of Words: Authors & Activism. [Details here.](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Does your organization have an event, resource, or program that is Boston-based, free, and aimed at teens? See the [Boston community events calendar](#) or to place it in the weekly public-facing newsletter, please [fill out this form](#).



[Arts Access Hub](#) The Arts & Culture Accessibility Hub is a resource to support transforming your access intentions into action. Co-created by a majority-disabled team of cultural access experts, this free, easy-to-use platform offers tools, training, and guidance to help you strengthen your organization's accessibility, and connect with community.



RESOURCE FOR NEW ENGLAND:The [New England Teaching Artist Collaborative](#) (NETAC) serves the six New England states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. NETAC's mission is to *build regional capacity to develop thriving communities by preparing teaching artists to serve as catalysts who activate creative potential and foster partnerships with educators, organizations and community groups* (see NETAC's [Leadership Team, Working Groups](#)).

Find out more about how to get involved by joining their network [here](#).



Office of the Attorney General Massachusetts The Non-Profit Organizations/Public Charities Division is hosting a series of webinars designed to address the needs of the non-profit sector. [The Attorney General's Guide for Board Members of Charitable Organizations](#) provides information to assist board members with their responsibilities. [LINK TO REGISTER](#)



AFTA Arts Action Fund: Breaking News Updates Impacting the Arts & Culture Americans for the Arts' Arts Action Fund maintains a breaking news timeline of how federal administration actions are impacting arts and culture. Check out the latest news [here](#).



[Educator Toolkit for Teen Mental Health \(Free\)](#) This toolkit includes 13 lessons, scripted slide decks, and student activities that middle and high school educators can use to promote teen mental health. Topics include: Understanding Emotions, Coping Skills, Stress Management, Healthy Sleep and Social Media Habits, Anxiety Management, Depression: Getting Help and Helping Others, Finding Meaning In Your Daily Life, and more!

[Adult-to-Student Relationship Mapping Tool. \(Free\)](#) For students, a positive connection to at least one school adult can have tremendous benefits that include reduced bullying, lower dropout rates, and improved social-emotional capacities. This mapping tool provides school leaders with a detailed implementation plan and tool allowing them to:

- Facilitate a staff meeting in which staff identify students who they believe do not currently have positive relationships with any school adults.
- Identify staff who will volunteer to build a stronger relationship with these identified students.

- Help staff volunteers build and strengthen a relationship with the student throughout the year.

Further Resources from Harvard’s Making Caring Common Project: [A Quick Guide to Public Health Misinformation](#) [Creating a Plan: Crisis Communication for Public Health](#) [The CALM Approach to Communicating in Times of Uncertainty](#)

Recent Reports - Articles - Initiatives:



The [Health of Boston 2024: Mental Health Report](#) highlights the increasing mental health challenges among Boston’s youth, emphasizing the urgent need for systemic change to support young people, particularly those affected by systemic inequities, racism, and discrimination. The report provides critical data on trends, disparities, and barriers to care, offering insight into how Boston can create a more supportive and equitable behavioral health system for its youth.

CITY of BOSTON [The Youth Speaks Boston findings are live!](#) City of Boston | Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement completed the first-ever citywide needs assessment focusing on what Boston’s young people need in their time outside of work and school. OYEA collected data from over 1650 survey respondents and 100 focus group participants between the ages of 14 and 25 to gain a clearer picture of what youth are experiencing across Boston. [View the Youth Speaks Boston findings here!](#) Also, access the findings in two ways:

- [View the StoryMap](#) to learn about themes such as belonging, safety, mental health, community resources, and more. Read key data points and direct quotes from young people on these topics.
- [Explore the data dashboard](#), an interactive tool that allows individuals to view the results of all survey questions and filter them for deeper insights into specific communities. To learn more about our data collection process, click [here](#).



Pew Research Center

[Pew Research Center: 10 Facts about teens and social media](#) Public health experts, lawmakers and parents have cautioned about the effects of social media on America’s teens. But what do teens themselves think? In 2024, Pew Research Center surveyed U.S. teens ages 13 to 17 – and their parents. They asked about teens’ experiences with social media and their views about its impact on their lives. Here are a few of the 10 key findings :Teens have become more negative about the impact of social media on their peers. Greater shares of teens now say they spend too much time on social media. More teens say using social media hurts rather than helps their sleep, productivity, grades and mental health. Majorities of teens say social media sites help them feel connected and creative

CITY of BOSTON [City of Boston Arts Funding Equity and Impact Study](#) The Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture is partnering with Keen Independent to conduct an equity and impact study of the City’s grant programs dedicated to the arts. Their goals are to evaluate the effectiveness, equity, and impact of MOAC’s grant programs and to consider MOAC’s funding programs within the arts landscape of the Greater Boston region. They are offering participants **an opportunity to enter a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card** when you fill out the [impact survey](#) to share your thoughts on the City of Boston’s arts funding efforts. Your input will help shape the future of City of Boston arts funding. They want to hear from you! See flyer [here](#).

Recent Mass Cultural Council Resources and Blog Posts:



Check out what’s on the blog:

- [How to Ace Your Creative Learning Experience this School Year](#)
- [\\$3.4M Invested in Creative Experiences for Communities Across Massachusetts](#)

- [\\$100K Invested in New Arts & Culture Accessibility Hub](#)
- [Arts are the STEAM to Drive the Innovation Economy](#)
- [LCC Member Nano Interview – Aug](#)
- [Equity Progress Report \(Mar – Aug '25\)](#)
- [Creative Community & Economic Development Resources Guide](#)
- [Live Theater Tax Credits Available to For-Profits and Nonprofits](#)
- [Card to Culture Shout Out – Aug](#)
- [Mass Cultural Council Commits \\$26.2M to Grants in FY26](#)
- [Creative Youth Development Organizations in this Challenging Time](#)
- [Regie Gibson: Poet Laureate of Massachusetts](#)
- [Resources for Teaching Artists in Massachusetts](#)
- [New Data Highlights Economic Benefits of Social Prescribing](#)



MASSCreative: Support the Creative Sector Agenda in Eight Minutes (or fewer) See MASSCreative's three bills that make up the [2025 - 2026 Creative Sector Agenda](#). These bills are the result of a statewide listening session that they completed late last year to get feedback about what creatives need to live, work, and create in Massachusetts. This session, they are advocating for the [Creative Space Act](#), [ACE Act](#), and [PLACE Act](#). Together, these bills will make critical investments in the sector by protecting and expanding creative maker spaces, increasing capital and programmatic access in the creative economy, and establishing a public percent-for-art program. Hearings for all of these bills are coming up this fall and they need your time, voice, and support to keep them moving. These bills receive a hearing only once every two years, so we need to make them count. Three simple ways that you can support the Creative Sector Agenda today in eight minutes or less:

1. [Take two minutes to read about the Creative Sector Agenda](#)
2. [Take one minute to endorse these bills](#)
3. [Take five minutes to contact your State Representative and State Senator and ask them to co-sponsor the Creative Sector Agenda"](#)

Resources in Response to Current Federal Government Actions

AFTA's Arts Action Fund has put together comprehensive resources tracking every federal update and news item that may impact arts and culture, including: [Executive Orders & Their Impact On the Arts FAQ](#) and their [Breaking News Updates Impacting Arts & Culture](#)



The National Council of Nonprofits is keeping track of [Executive Orders Affecting Charitable Nonprofits](#) through a chart that outlines some of the EOs that may affect nonprofits directly or indirectly. Also view [The Impacts of the Recent Executive Orders on Nonprofits](#)



Americans for the Arts is compiling resources [Federal Aid Freeze Rescinded – What It Means for the Arts](#) and detailed FAQs addressing key questions about the executive orders and their potential impact. These resources, available at AmericansfortheArts.org/Advocate, will be updated regularly as new information emerges.



NEFA RESOURCES, including the **tracking of Federal Actions** such as those above and [Grantmakers in the Arts' Community Resources on the New Presidential Administration's Actions](#)



ACLU Know Your Rights and **for ACLU Massachusetts**. See also the [NAACP](#)



Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR's) Resources and their [Immigrant Defense Hotline](#) is 617-988-0606



[Community Legal UMass Boston Federal News Summary](#)



[The Center for Behavioral Health and Wellness](#) offers resources including a new page of [LGBTQ+ resources](#) supporting [Newcomer Youth in School Resources](#) click [here](#), and supports for [immigrant mental health and wellness](#) [here](#).

Immigration and Helplines:

- [Immigrant Legal Resource Center Know Your Rights Toolkit](#)
- **Immigration: Red Cards / Tarjetas Rojas.** Click [here](#). Print your own [here](#).
- **Center for Child Stress and Health:** [Immigrant Children with Traumatic Separation - Information for Professionals](#)
- Protecting Immigrant Students [Action Kit](#)



- [Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition MIRA 2025 Winter Training Series](#). MIRA Coalition provides an intensive virtual 40-hour **Basic Immigration Law Training** from **March 10th to April 17th**, two mornings each week. This training is open only to non-profit staff seeking DOJ accreditation and attorneys seeking to increase their knowledge of immigration law. [Learn more and register](#).

- The [National Indigenous Women's Resource Center](#) is highlighting StrongHearts Native HelpLine. This helpline contains a 24/7 helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives of all ages suffering from relationship violence. Native Helpline at 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483).

Additional Resources:

- [MA Guidance for Higher Education and K-12 Schools regarding Educational Opportunity and DEI](#)
- **Litigation Tracker:** [Legal Challenges to Trump Administration Actions](#)
- [Project 2025 and the Disability Community - DREDF](#)
- **Indivisible's** [RESOURCE Library](#)
- **Common Cause:** Find your representative [here](#).
- **5 Calls** - Representatives, issues, phone numbers, scripts to make voices heard - click [here](#).
- **RESOURCE PAGE** and actions from MASSCreative



[The Trevor Project](#) is a nonprofit organization that provides 24/7 crisis support services, research, and advocacy for LGBTQ+ youth. According to a recent article, referenced [here](#), the need for sexual violence prevention services for middle and high school youth is highlighted. (see also [Finding Support & Building Community Amid Political Uncertainty](#) and [Navigating Personal Safety while Taking Action as an LGBTQ+ Young Person](#))

- **PFLAG** is the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.
- **Trans Justice Funding Project** is [here](#). [Out Now Youth](#) and [Translate Gender](#)

CROSS-SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS/PARTNERS



[Health Resources in Action](#) (HRIA) is a Boston-based non-profit working to improve and reimagine public health. For over 25 years, HRIA has offered the [BEST Initiative](#) (Building Exemplary Systems of Training Youth Workers). Their [Youth Worker Certificate Training Program](#) consists of an eight-session, 32-hour training that is based on the nationally recognized Advancing Youth Development curriculum. Partnerships also include offering trainings for teaching artist youth workers to better support the immediate and long-term mental health needs of youth. To view and register for all trainings, such as

Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification, click [here](#). Their partnership with the [Enhancing Mental Health Capacity for Youth-Serving Organizations](#) initiative also has the goal of building the capacity of community-based organizations serving marginalized youth, particularly youth of color and/or LGBTQ+ individuals, who face significant behavioral health disparities.



[Parent/Professional Advocacy League](#) is a statewide, grassroots family organization that advocates for improved access to mental health services for children, youth and their families. See [PPAL Events](#).

CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Read the Op-Ed by Center for Behavioral Health and Wellness Director, Samara Grossman, in the Bay State Banner entitled: “[To support Boston's youth, invest in families.](#)” This piece sheds light

on the urgent youth mental health crisis in the city of Boston — and the critical need to support families as a whole in order to address this crisis. Drawing on recent data from the Health of Boston Mental Health Report, the Op-Ed calls for a shift away from siloed approaches, emphasizing that the emotional well-being of young people cannot be separated from the economic and structural realities their families face.

See also: boston.gov/bphc-mentalhealth



Find more resources and support at boston.gov/bphc-mentalhealth

[Children's Mental Health Campaign](#) is a large statewide network that advocates for policy, systems, and practice solutions to ensure all children in Massachusetts have access to



resources to prevent, diagnose, and treat mental health issues in a timely, effective, and compassionate way. See [resources](#) and [events](#).



[Massachusetts Association for Mental Health](#). MAMH envisions a day when all Massachusetts residents have access to the social and economic opportunities that protect overall health and promote resilience. Learn more about their advocacy and the FY26 State budget [here](#).



Explore DESE's [Catalog of Aligned Supports](#) - a central hub designed to help districts and schools navigate and access high-impact resources and services. Aligned with our Strategic Objectives, the catalog supports efforts to meet the evolving needs of students, educators, and communities. The catalog includes curated lists in the following categories:

- Grant Offerings
- Guidance, Resources, and Tools
- Assistance and Support Services
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Programming

Visit the [DESE website](#) to learn more.

Arts and Health



Arts Prescription with [Art Pharmacy](#): Mass Cultural Council has partnered with Art Pharmacy, a healthcare services business that leverages arts-based social prescribing to solve healthcare's biggest challenges, through the implementation and scaling of this work in Massachusetts.

(Press release: [Introducing the First Statewide Social Prescribing Solution in the U.S.](#), [The Power of Arts in Whole-Person Health: Social Prescribing in Massachusetts](#) (Mass General Brigham). "An Evidence-Based Framework for the Use of Arts and Culture in Public Health") To join Art Pharmacy's Network of Community Partners click [here](#) **To sign up for an Arts and Culture Partner General Interest Form** click [here](#) Health providers can find out more [here](#) You also can reach out to them to learn the options you might have to get involved at hello@artpharmacy.co

- ['Weathering the climate.' Trump funding cuts have MA arts organizations worried](#)
- [As leaders of state and regional organizations, we're sounding the alarm on Trump's attacks on the arts](#) - Michael Bobbitt, Brian Boyles, Kayla Coleman and Emily Ruddock
- [Investing in Creativity as Social Infrastructure](#) - Laura Zabel
- [Five Things Arts Organizations Can Do Right Now](#) - Michael Rohd
- [Expanding the Path to Equitable Arts Funding](#) - Dalouge Smith
- [Psychology Today](#): "The 3 Pillars of the Creative Mindset: A framework for moving beyond limitations to create meaningful transformation" - Tasha Golden
- [The Art Effect: Neuroaesthetics and the Future of Health Equity](#) - Powering NonProfits
- [Massachusetts Nonprofit Collaboration Fund — Masscollab — to launch fall 2025 with goal to strengthen sector through collaboration](#)

SUPPORT of CONSULTANTS and NATIONAL PROJECTS



SUPPORT and CONSULTING HOURS 2024-2025

Funded by the Mass Cultural Council and EdVestors as part of the Youth Arts Impact Network **CYD organizations can access free consulting hours in program design and evaluation provided by researcher and evaluator Julia Gittleman.** Topics can include survey design, logic models, data and evaluation issues, and youth arts program planning. All programs in Massachusetts are eligible to utilize these services. **To set up a consultation you can reach Julia directly at Julia@MGAConsultants.com to schedule a time. Contact [Julia Gittleman](#) for more information about:**



The National 3C (Create, Collaborate, Catalyze) Data Alliance project is striving to create a community of CYD organizations, young people, gather, organize, and utilize their program and youth participant data.

The goals of the project are to **build equitable access to data literacy, equalize benefits, alleviate costs, and streamline systems.** The full 3C Summary can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

We would love to hear from you - click [here](#) to connect and stay updated on the 3C progress.

PAST RESOURCES

JULY/AUGUST 2025 RESOURCES

YAIN NETWORK - Join us for "Coffee Chats" this Summer!

We would love to have you join us for one of our upcoming YAIN "Coffee Chats", a chance to connect in person with fellow CYD practitioners, share insights, and strengthen our collective impact.

We're offering two sessions, and you're welcome to attend either or both sessions:

- **Session 1** on Thursday, **July 31 from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**: Marquis Victor from [Elevated Thought](#) in Lawrence and [Pedro Cruz](#) from the City of Boston Mayor's Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement will be speaking about Youth Advocacy
- **Session 2** on Thursday, **August 7 from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM**: We will be focused on Mental Health with [Samara Grossman](#), Director from The [Center for Behavioral Health and Wellness](#) and Gina San Inocencio, Associate Director of [Health Resources in Action](#). Both will present on [the progress](#) in supporting mental health for youth and families across Boston. Gina will also speak about the work of [Enhancing Mental Health Capacity for Youth-Serving Organizations - HRIA](#).

Both sessions will now be hosted at the EdVestors office in Back Bay: 📍 209 Columbus Ave, Suite 410, Boston, MA 02116

Space is limited to 20 participants per session, so please be sure to ☕ [Register for YAIN Coffee Chats](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES for July and Aug.



DEADLINE: 7/2/25 Grant for Black Trans Women Visual Artists The Illuminations Grant is a \$10,000 grant, awarded to draw attention to an existing body of work, sheds light on the under-recognized contributions of Black trans women visual artists and provides critical support to their continuing work. Four distinguished finalists will also receive \$1,250. [Learn more](#).



DEADLINE: 7/2/25 Lesbian Experimental Filmmaking Grant The Barbara Hammer Lesbian Experimental Filmmaking Grant is an annual grant awarded to lesbians for making visionary moving-image art. Work can be experimental animation, experimental documentary, experimental narrative, cross-genre, or solely experimental. [Learn more](#).



DEADLINE: 7/10/25 Youth Mental Health Fund Established in 2018, Decolonizing Wealth Project (DWP) is committed to bringing truth, healing, and repair to our global community. The Youth Mental Health Fund (YMHF) is a culturally affirming initiative focused on expanding access to community-based mental health care for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ youth between the ages of 12-24. Apply [here](#).



DEADLINE: 7/24/25 Advancing Community Driven Mental Health [This grant program](#) will fund five community based organizations with grants of up to \$100,000 a year for two years, starting in December 2025 to improve and increase access to community based mental health services for adults experiencing mild to moderate mental health distress and practical problems of daily living, and develop the skills of a non-clinical workforce. Apply [here](#)



City of Boston
Human Services

DEADLINE 8/26/25 Youth Development Fund The Mayor’s Office of Human Services is now accepting applications for the FY25 Youth Development Fund (YDF) Grant Program. Grants will be awarded up to \$30,000 per organization and are intended to increase the number of high-quality out-of-school programming opportunities for youth throughout the city, focusing on sports, arts education, and growing a green generation. These grants support over **\$1.5M in Connect, Learn, Explore** program areas, ensuring that Boston youth have access to

youth sports, arts education, and opportunities to grow and cook their own food. The program is funded by the City of Boston's Operating Budget.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS and YOUNG PEOPLE in July/Aug.

Does your organization have an event, resource, or program that is Boston-based, free, and aimed at teens? To promote it on the OYAE [community events calendar](#) or in their weekly public-facing newsletter, please [fill out this form](#).



DEADLINE; 7/9/25 The annual [Rare Artist contest](#) is an unique opportunity for anyone living with or personally connected to a rare disease to share their creative voice through visual art, photography, poetry, and new this year: music! Click [here](#) for more information. [gfieldcityhall.com](#)



Featuring over 300 youth, Express Yourself showcased an amazing performance with guest artists, including: THE PACK DRUMLINE, Ricky Duran (The Voice, S17), STOMP, TEN31 Productions, In the Mak'n, Boston Children's Chorus. If you missed May's live DREAM performance at the Boch Center-Wang Theatre, **2025: DREAM** is now streaming [here](#) for all to enjoy!



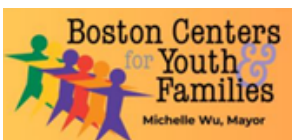
IN PERSON 8/20/25 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Reception: 6:45 - 9:00 p.m. A public conversation in the *Un-monument* series. Building on their groundbreaking book, "[Truth Matters: Disagreement in an Age of Division](#)" Robert P. George and Cornel West will explore how engaging across differences can help us better understand our complex political landscape. As polarization increases, how can we respect principled disagreement while maintaining a commitment to the truth, which is crucial for the health of our democracy in

challenging times? After the conversation, stick around for a FREE public dinner, reception, and book signing. Learn more about *Un-monument* and see a schedule of upcoming events [here](#). Location: *Due to the forecast, go to the "in case of rain" location - Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) at [10 Winter Pl, Boston, MA 02108](#), in Downtown Boston.* Check in [here](#).



IN PERSON 8/30/25 5-9 PM Save the Harbor presents "Beats on the Beach Block Party" Featuring performances by Chelita, Deevo Da Genius, Lilith, TOMO, ToriTori, DJ Rayvino. Hosted by DJ WhySham Come through for a vibrant art market featuring local artists! Location: The Lawn on D | 420 D St, Boston [FREE REGISTRATION](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE in July/August



BCYF 2025 [Summer Guide](#) is available. It contains dozens of neighborhood-based and citywide programs BCYF offers for Bostonians of all ages and is intended to give you a general idea of what we

offer during the summer months. Check their website and follow them for updates on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#) (@BCYFCenters) and Bluesky ([BCYF.boston.gov](#)) for updates.



Boston After Dark Returns this Summer - Free teen events from 5 - 9 p.m. on Friday nights - all summer long! BCYF community centers are pleased to be hosting several Boston After Dark Friday night teen nights this summer in partnership with the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement (OYEA).

Free food and giveaways Music by youth DJs Friday nights June-August Find events in your neighborhood at [Boston.gov/After-dark](#).



DEADLINE: 7/1/25 Arlington Community Education Cover Art Contest Local artists are invited to submit up to four pieces for Arlington Community Education's annual Cover Art Contest. Three winners will receive \$300 and exposure to an audience of more than 50,000 in exchange for the use of their artwork. All mediums are welcome. Open to artists high-school-aged and up. [Learn more](#).



DEADLINE 8/15/25 ATTN: Springfield youth and young adults 16 – 26, who may be interested in working in the theme of gambling awareness through the arts. The **Gambling Awareness Research Project, (GARI)** is a groundbreaking, youth-led project that combines public health strategies such as prevention and community education with a community art contest to better understand gambling and its effects among teens and young adults. **Submissions can include visual art, poetry, music, animation, digital media, dance, and more. All forms of creative expression are accepted.** Each person who submits will receive a \$25 gift card for their first entry. More contest guidelines can be found [here](#). Photos of artwork are welcomed as well as standard digital

formats. Up to 15 winners will receive prizes of \$250, \$150, and \$100 through a community voting process in September. For more information, please contact: Theresa Glenn at tglenn@springfieldcityhall.com

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES **July./Aug.**



Virtual 7/16/25 1:00-2:15pm Arts Access Hub: A New Resource for Cultural

Accessibility. Open Door Arts will share an inside look at the Arts Access Hub—a groundbreaking, free digital resource designed to support cultural organizations across the country in their accessibility efforts. Launching in August 2025, the Hub will bring together over 50 web pages of expert-vetted content, a comprehensive self-assessment tool, curated rosters of accessibility experts, and more. This session will introduce the Hub's features and explore how your organization can use them to drive lasting change,

foster true inclusion for people with disabilities, and help transform the cultural sector into a more equitable and accessible space for all. [Register here](#).



Virtual 7/16/25 1:30-2:30 NEXT ARTIST TOWN HALL. MassCreative will focus their July Artist Town Hall on the artist displacement crisis in Massachusetts and what advocates can do to disrupt it. Join Ami Bennett, Annis Sengupta, and Jim Grace to hear about their efforts to protect and grow creative maker spaces and strategies they have learned that other communities can replicate. Please register in advance by clicking [here](#).



IN PERSON 7/30/25 6pm (doors open at 5:30 PM). The **BOSTON MAYORAL FORUM ON ARTS & CULTURE.** This forum is your chance to hear directly from mayoral candidates Michelle Wu, Josh Kraft, and Domingos DaRosa about their visions for the creative workforce and economy. They want to pack the Strand with artists, creatives, educators, organizers, and everyone who believes that creativity is essential to the City of Boston. **REGISTER FOR THE FORUM by Tuesday, July 29th at 12 PM. Invite 3-5 people to attend**

the forum with you so we can show City Hall that our sector is engaged, organized, and expects accountability. For questions about Create the Vote and the Boston coalition, please contact createthevote@mass-creative.org.



[The National Guild for Community Arts Education](#) is forming **GuildCollectives** (regional hubs for local collaboration) and **Unity Networks** (role-specific peer communities), as spaces for critical dialogue, professional growth, peer connection, and transforming arts education. They are seeking passionate leaders for three roles 1. Teaching Artists Unity Network Leader 2. Creative Aging Unity Network Leader and 3. Regional GuildCollective Leaders (Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, Southern **Commitment:** 2 years Applications open until filled. [Apply Today!](#)

- [Learn more about GuildCollectives and Unity Networks.](#)
- [Unity Network Roles & Responsibilities](#)
- [GuildCollective Leader Roles & Responsibilities](#)

OPPORTUNITIES IN WESTERN MA



7/16/25 Community Day: Art in Action, at the Clark, celebrates vibrant artwork, the lush summer campus, and the remarkable women artists highlighted in the exhibitions open this season—A Room of Her Own: Women Artist-Activists in Britain, 1875–1945; Berenice Abbott's Modern Lens; and Mariel Capanna: Giornata. Enjoy free admission to the permanent collection and special exhibitions all day, as well as special activities, art-making, artist demonstrations, and entertainment inspired by these special exhibitions. Free and open to all. Refreshments available for purchase. Held rain or shine.



8/23/25 10am–3pm MASS MoCA Educator PD Day Join Rebecca Cuscaden Marvin, MASS MoCA's Senior Manager of School Programs, and facilitators for a free professional development day of workshops for PreK-12 educators! Workshops will provide ways to enhance your students' learning through arts integration activities and techniques such as Visual Thinking Strategies, Universal Design for Learning, and activity-based teaching. Topics of focus will include how to discuss difficult topics through art, utilizing visual thinking strategies in the classroom, as well as movement and art-making activities to support diverse learning styles. Coffee, lunch, and gallery admission will be provided. Educators will have the opportunity to receive 5 PDPs in the area of visual arts for participation.

Lesson plans and resources will be provided after the workshops with the opportunity to complete additional work offsite to receive another 5 PDPs. [Learn more and register here.](#)

NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM

8/30 /25 11-3 -Summer Saturdays for Families Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge

[Free with Museum Admission](#) Try your hand at making art inspired by these beloved illustrators. You'll want to return again and again with a variety of fun and engaging

experiences for the whole family; it's the perfect way to spend some quality time together on your summer Saturdays. Click [here](#) for more.

OTHER RESOURCES and OPPORTUNITIES

Does your organization have an event, resource, or program that is Boston-based, free, and aimed at teens? See the Boston [community events calendar](#) or to place it in the weekly public-facing newsletter, please [fill out this form](#).



IN PERSON 8/18/25-8/22/25 HRiA's August Youth Worker Certificate Training – with full reimbursement! Registration is now open for [The BEST Initiative's August 18th-22nd Youth Worker Certificate Intensive](#) (YWC) Training. The YWC training is a 32-hour in-person training where participants will dive into topics such as positive youth

outcomes, trauma-informed practices, collective resilience, increasing youth participation and engagement, and other critical issues. [This training](#) is now eligible for full reimbursement through the Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund Express Program. If your organization is a Massachusetts-based nonprofit with fewer than 100 employees, it may qualify! The application is quick and takes about 15 minutes to complete. Please email us at best@hria.org with any questions or comments! Click on www.youthworkcentral.org to learn more.



A NEW RESOURCE FOR BOSTON'S ARTISTS: Announcing the launch of the [Arts Action Consortium \(AAC\)](#), a dynamic new initiative funded by the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, aimed at strengthening and sustaining Boston's creative workforce! ACC is comprised of six distinguished Boston-based partner organizations: Ágora Cultural Architects, Arts and Business Council, Assets for Artists, Bloom Arts Strategy, Dunamis, and Midday Movement Series. AAC's inaugural program is the Artist Pathways Project, which will offer free resources to Boston artists, including:

- 1,000 hours of one-on-one consultations for artistic development, grant writing, business development, legal support, and financial literacy
- 100+ workshops and 3 cohort opportunities covering essential career-building topics
- Access to rehearsal, performance, and convening space
- Community building social events.

Examples of offerings: **DEADLINE: 7/31/25** [Open Doors Production Residency](#) and **DEADLINE: 8/14/25** [Capacity Building Cohort](#)

Creative Community & Economic Development Resources Guide Mass Cultural Council has developed a [Creative Community & Economic Development Resources Guide](#) to assist rural municipalities in creatively re-strategizing the way they apply for and use already existing resources and funding to support their communities on a local, regional, state, and national level. Created with the generous support of [Massachusetts's Rural Affairs Office](#)

[TO SEE THE ARCHIVE of PAST OPPORTUNITIES](#)

[Click HERE](#)

"The new dawn blooms as we free it
For there is always light,
if only we are brave enough to see it
If only we are brave enough to be it."

— Amanda Gorman
(An excerpt from her poem, "The Hill We Climb")