

Youth, Community & Engagement Programs Advisory Group

Group Member Role Description

Purpose

The Denver Art Museum is working towards a just, fair, and inclusive society in which all people, immaterial of their race or ethnicity, can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential. The Youth, Community and Engagement (YC&E) team is looking to recruit the second cohort of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) which can represent some of the diverse voices in the Denver Metro community for the museum's programming. The Advisory Group will support the DAM's efforts to listen deeply to and center diverse voices (a variety of racial, cultural, linguistic, regional, and socioeconomic backgrounds, as well as a variety of ages and family structures.) We are looking for this group to collaborate and consult with staff as we develop programs and resources for Youth & Community audiences. These audiences include children ages 0-18, adults & caregivers of children ages 0-18, teachers, and non-traditional educators. We are hoping to work with neurodiverse people and people with disabilities. The DAM recognizes that diversity goes beyond common categories and YAG members can expect to have their unique lived experiences respected and listened to.

Responsibilities & Reciprocity

As a group member, you can expect:

Four paid 3-hour long meetings (in-person attendance is expected for all sessions.)

Meetings will take place on Sunday afternoons (and include snacks)

- Tentative Schedule:
 - Year 1: March or April 2024 (Kick-off) May, July, and September
 - Year 2: November, January, April, July 2025 (end of cohort 2)

Each meeting will consist of:

- Warm-ups/Ways to get to know/connect with one another
- Playful and fun opportunities to experience and share feedback about museum exhibitions and programs
- Time spent exploring the museum, the museum's website, or components of programs as an individual or family
- Breaks for snacks
- Sessions will be conducted primarily in English with Spanish support available.
- Some sessions may require some prep work, which will be communicated via email with notice to complete the prep work. Instructions will be clearly defined, and time spent on this will be compensated.

Outside whole-group meetings, there will also be additional paid opportunities to share your feedback or to participate in other ways with the DAM, including:

- Audience or Age-group specific feedback (e.g. Kids only, Educators, Teen & Family, etc.)
- Reviewing digital resources

- Participating in Exhibition Planning Community Advisory groups
- Possible photo or video shoot opportunities

Who is invited?

Based on the focus of current programming, we are particularly interested in recruiting ECE teachers, middle & high school teachers, and children ages 0-8 and their caregivers. Preference will also be given to folks with disabilities (including neurodiversity), and to people with English as a second language as we work to better serve these communities. If you are a family group, we ask that you just have one grown-up/adult attend the regular, whole group sessions – however, anytime we give you an assignment to visit the museum, we will make sure you have free general admission tickets for all the adults/grown-ups in your family. We are also happy to provide free general admission tickets for other family adults/grown-ups during the session, if you are interested.

Compensation for your time:

- Individual: \$50/hour
- Family units: \$50/hour

It is of the utmost importance to us that you (and your family) get as much out of this experience as possible. Here are a few possible benefits from participating:

- Playful and fun opportunities to experience and share feedback about programs
- Feeling connected to the museum
- Annual Kick-off & Closing events/celebrations
- Meeting museum staff and other kids, families, and educators
- Free tickets to the museum (during the sessions and for assignments)
- Featured in (or opportunity to write) blog posts to share about the Y&CE Advisory Group
- Additional opportunities at the museum

Term

- Group members serve for two-year terms

So,...I'm interested – how do I get involved?

- By Jan. 16th, 2024, please complete an application for yourself or you & your family here: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=9coHzvGeN0q0ZqRAc3N-X7cvu4gAlwNEi11K8k1Hiy1UOUSxODIzRlZYQlFYQ1g4U1NJMEY5UFZSTy4u>
- We will review applications and reach back out to you by mid-February.

Doesn't sound like the right fit – what other opportunities are available at the DAM?

We are always trying to create opportunities for you and your family or students to engage with art and creativity at the DAM. Please check the DAM website and the Creativity Resource, our learning resource website. Additionally, if you can think of a family or individual who would be interested in this opportunity, please forward them this information!

Questions?

Feel free to email Sr. Manager of Family and Community Programs, Lindsay Genshaft at lgenshaft@denverartmuseum.org