

About ArtStarts in Schools

ArtStarts is looking for new board members to help us work with young people to access arts-based learning experiences! Now in our 27th year, we are looking for creative, collaborative and innovative people to serve in our governance board. Our board works on shared values and our strategy can be found here: <https://artstarts.com/about>

Arts Starts is a mission driven organization, that is focused on the process rather than the products of that arts. Board members are expected to consult and collaborate with young people and champion their input and voice into ArtsStarts design and delivery. We believe everyone is creative and that every young person needs the opportunities to express themselves in trusting, listening, and respectful relationships.

Our current Board of Directors is made up of passionate community leaders, artists, and educators. Our recruitment plans reflect our shared desire and aspiration to build and maintain a Board of 9+ members. ArtsStarts works with a collaborative directorship model and has a staff team of 12 people.

Benefits & Recognition

Volunteers who contribute their time and knowledge as ArtStarts board members benefit from:

- The opportunity to influence positive social change across the province
- The development of leadership skills through committees and projects of the Board
- Professional growth opportunities through trainings, guest speakers, and workshops
- Meaningful relationships with fellow volunteers, staff and community
- Strengthened strategic and visionary thinking skills
- Increased inspiration and chances to spark your own individual creativity

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for all levels of experience, perspectives, and skills to govern ArtStarts. We are excited to invite young people, alumni, and mentors from ArtsStarts programming to the board of directors. We are also looking for community members with experience in

- Development: Fundraising, Branding, Event Planning, Major Gifts, Sponsorships
- Finance: Accounting, budgets, social-finance initiatives.
- Empowerment: advocacy, collective organizing, research.
- Construction: Carpentry, renovations, arts installation, construction.

Time commitment

There are three vacancies for 2023, each for a one-year term. There is one annual board retreat, and there is a monthly one hour board and/or committee meeting. The Board convenes virtually, but does have occasional meetings in the Downtown Vancouver office and gallery space. Accessibility details of our space are noted here:

<https://artstarts.com/gallery>.

To apply before May 19, 2023

Please apply [here](#) and send a resume or a comparable portfolio that highlights your experience with “Board Member Application” in the subject line, and send to: ArtStarts Board of Directors , at board-exec@artstarts.com.

Board Directors are presented at this year’s annual general meeting scheduled on **June 7, 2023**.

We look forward to hearing from you!

We acknowledge that we carry out our work on the lands of Indigenous nations throughout colonial British Columbia.

Our office and the ArtStarts Gallery are located on the unceded, ancestral, and traditional territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Selílwitlh (Tseil-Waututh) peoples.

*With our ongoing renovations, there is currently no lift access to our second floor offices. In the spirit of transparency, we would like to share this information with potential applicants to acknowledge that currently our space is not completely accessible. We will work together with shortlisted candidates to mutually understand access needs and work towards making a safe, inclusive, and accessible environment.