

Community Directory of Youth Facilitators

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Nia Centre for the Arts is a Toronto-based not-for-profit organization that supports, showcases and promotes an appreciation of arts from across the African Diaspora.

Nia Centre creates opportunities for young people to develop healthy identities and for communities to enhance their creative capacities.

Learn more at niacentre.org

ArtReach Toronto is designed to support arts initiatives that engage youth who have experienced exclusion in under-served areas of Toronto. ArtReach Toronto encourages youth to take the lead in defining what art means to them and what they need to achieve their goals.

Learn more at artreachtoronto.ca

AVNU (pronounced “avenue”) creates spaces for you to build and share knowledge, resources, skills, and networks. We are a collaborative community of learning where you are encouraged to ask questions and be creative, feel valued for your lived experiences, and experience personal growth and development. Together, we hope to transform education through meaningful learning experiences that result in real positive change.

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Learn more at avnu.ca or info@avnu.ca





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Art of Facilitation

The emerging facilitators in this directory have received facilitation training through Art of Facilitation 101, a 5-session training program organized by ArtReach Toronto, Nia Centre for the Arts, and AVNU.

Topics covered in Art of Facilitation include: best practices in facilitation, inclusive and equitable practices, creating and maintaining safe spaces for marginalized young people, presentation techniques and using multimedia, and program organization/planning.

If you regularly host workshops, programs, and other events, use this directory to connect with fresh new facilitators who are motivated to build their facilitation experience.



Emerging Facilitators

Anthony Truong Swan

Focus: Creative writing (prose and screen); Independent filmmaking

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Christina D'Agostino

Focus: Anti-oppression / social justice; mental health perspectives; LGBT youth issues; art, community and resistance; peer support

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Domanique Grant

Focus: Storytelling & multidisciplinary performance; Youth leadership & engagement; Community engagement through art; Identity & affordable housing

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Joanna Delos Reyes

Focus: Visual art; Performance; Public art

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Judi Lopez

Focus: Event planning; organization/program startup; grant writing; engaging/empowering young women

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Li-Ann Yap

Focus: Adapted physical activity; Gender equity in sports and physical activity; Program planning and evaluation

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Emerging Facilitators

Lilian Tang Thai Jones

Focus: Mindfulness; marketing and business planning; life-long learning and education; character development / social and emotional learning

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Marie Sotto

Focus: Visual art; Paper craft; Comedy

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May Chook

Focus: Voice improvisation/creative singing; Jazz and contemporary voice; Music improvisation; Music theory; Introductory songwriting and digital music

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Salomeh Ahmadi

Focus: Anti-oppression; Cross-cultural conflict resolution; Youth social justice; Youth engagement & buy-in; Creative facilitation

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Shaun Boothe

Focus: Black history; media literacy & stereotypes; art & activism; hip-hop & poetry; 'Live Your Legacy' (decision making & goal setting)

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Timaj Garad

Focus: Spoken word poetry; Writing; Anti-oppression & social justice

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