



Job Title: Youth Workshop Facilitator/ Program Assistant

Organisation: AstroSankofa

Location: Toronto, Ontario (Jane & Finch Mall)

Project: Digital Impressions, Urban Griot

Position Type: Part-time, Temporary, 2 positions available

Start Date: July 1

Duration: 6 weeks

Hours: 2-3 sessions per week, each session is about 2 hours

Compensation: \$500 honorarium a week

Call for Young Artists

AstroSankofa is launching an augmented reality (AR) digital art project to engage Black youth aged 14-18 in the Jane and Finch community. Does this speak to you? Are you looking for a chance to learn from and work with peers, leading artists, mentors and the rest of the AstroSankofa Arts Collective to create digital art to augment existing murals in the Jane and Finch community? If so and you identify as a Black youth between the ages of 14-18, we are looking to incorporate your voice and perspectives on this historical project.

We strongly encourage your application to this opportunity if you live in the Jane and Finch Area.

About AstroSankofa:

AstroSankofa is an artist collective and arts support non-profit dedicated to promoting Black artists in Toronto. Our mission is to engage the Jane and Finch community through art, celebrating local stories and Black luminaries in Canada.

Project Overview:

The Digital Impressions, Urban Griot project is to engage the community in existing artwork that speaks to the stories of the local community, and celebrates Black luminaries in Canada, while digitally upgrading them to include the different voices and perspectives of today's generation. Through arts-focused engagement, we aim to build trusting relationships with youth in the local area, providing them with transferable skills for the screen industry technology field while fostering a sense of ownership and belonging among residents.

AstroSankofa will hire youth employees to lead workshops for up to forty youths and assist AstroSankofa with project implementation. We will also include four community mentees who will shadow our facilitators and learn skills in community projects and workshop facilitation to expand the professional outcomes of this project.

Job Description:

As a Youth Workshop Facilitator/Program Assistant with AstroSankofa, you will play a vital role in the implementation and success of our augmented reality (AR) digital art project. Working alongside our team, you will lead workshops for youth participants, providing guidance and support as they contribute their voices and perspectives to the project. In addition to facilitating workshops, you will assist with various program-related tasks to ensure the smooth operation of the project.

Responsibilities:

- Lead workshops and sessions for youth participants, guiding them through the creative process of contributing digital artwork to existing murals.
- Assist in planning and organising workshop logistics, including scheduling, space booking, and materials preparation.
- Provide mentorship and support to youth participants, helping them develop their artistic skills and confidence.
- Collaborate with project staff and artists to ensure workshops align with project goals and objectives.
- Assist with administrative tasks, such as record-keeping, participant tracking, and documentation of workshop outcomes.
- Foster a positive and inclusive environment that encourages creativity, collaboration, and respect among participants.

Our Commitment to Safety:

Ensuring the safety of all involved, our protocol entails meticulous safety assessments of workshop locations and the provision of essential safety equipment. Staff will guide participants through safety procedures and emergency protocols while maintaining communication channels for feedback. With these measures, we prioritise the well-being of our team, participants, and community, fostering an environment conducive to creativity and collaboration in the Jane and Finch area.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a CV, cover letter and examples of work you have outlining their qualifications and interest in the position to info@astrosankofa.org by **June 14, 2024**.

AstroSankofa is committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for local Black Youth. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.