



Job Title: Youth Muralist

Organisation: AstroSankofa

Location: Toronto, Ontario - Project Site (Outdoors)

Project: Digital Impressions, Urban Griot

Position Type: Part-time, Temporary, 4 Positions available

Start Date: June 3rd

Duration: 6 weeks

Hours: Up to 25 hours

Compensation: \$20 per hour

Call for Young Artists

AstroSankofa is launching an augmented reality (AR) digital art project to engage Black youth aged 14-29 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.

This is an open application, but if you live in any of the following postal codes, we strongly urge applying: *Jane and Finch region - M3J/ M3L/ M3M/ M9M*

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 four 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 Muralist with AstroSankofa Arts Initiative, you have the opportunity to contribute your artistic talents to an augmented reality (AR) digital art project. Under the guidance of professional local artists, you will collaborate with other youth participants to create original digital artwork that will be integrated into existing murals in the Jane and Finch area. Your creativity and perspective will help to engage the community and celebrate its rich cultural heritage.

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with organisers, featured artists and other youth participants to brainstorm and create original digital artwork.
- Participate in workshops and sessions led by professional artists to develop your skills and techniques.
- Contribute your unique perspective and voice to the overall vision of the project.
- Follow safety protocols and guidelines to ensure a safe and productive working environment.
- Attend project meetings and discussions to provide input and feedback on the creative process.

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 **May 20, 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.