



Position: Brave New Voices Cultural Curator

Status: Independent Contractor

Organization: Youth Speaks, Inc.

Supervisor: Brave New Voices Festival Director

Time of Contract: January, 2nd 2017 through July 31st, 2017

Rate: \$25 per hour

Hours per Week: 520 Hours Total: January to Feb = 10 hrs, March to April = 15 hrs, May to June = 20 hrs, July = 40 hrs

Organization Description:

Youth Speaks is a leading nonprofit presenter of spoken word education, youth development and presentation programs in the country. Youth Speaks is based in San Francisco, CA, and provides innovative programming throughout the Bay Area, California, and the country. Youth Speaks helped mobilize, and continues to actively engage with a grassroots network of organizations that convene annually at the Brave New Voices Festival. During our 17 years of existence, we have built important relationships with local and national funders, schools, nonprofits, artists, individual supporters, health and environmental institutions, and other partners.

Job Description:

The Brave New Voices Cultural Curator (BNVCC) is a high energy, entrepreneurial or artistic professional with a strong interest in artistic performance and curation, social justice, youth development, storytelling, and digital media. Ideally the BNV Cultural Curator has experience as a participant or supporter of the BNV Festival, in addition to possessing the administrative and communication skills necessary to play a key role in executing Brave New Voices.

This Independent Contractor position is based in the BNV Host City with weekly digital and/or phone communication with our Host City. This year the BNVCC will report to the San Francisco office.

Job Responsibilities include:

Artistic and Cultural Curation

- Act as lead liaison and project manage the curation for Brave New Voices events including Opening Ceremonies, Queeriosity, MC Olympics, Life is Living, and the slams. Will be consulted on all curatorial decisions made for the festival. Based on capacity, there will be an opportunity to act as lead curator on events listed.
- Act as a cultural liaison for your city to vet MCs, hosts, Featured Artists, Facilitators, Speakers and Judges all people curated on our stages are appropriate for youth spaces, culturally competent, in alignment with Youth Speaks pedagogy, and reflect the specificity of the BNV Host City and the diversity of the Brave New Voices community.

Communications

- Collaborate closely with Youth Speaks' staff, especially the BNV Festival Director, and community partners to disseminate relevant and compelling information about Brave New Voices to various constituents
- Check in with the BNV Festival Director weekly over phone and a minimum of three times in the BNV Host City before the festival in July
- Articulate curation decisions to Marketing and other Youth Speak departments and collect necessary information and materials from curated people including photos, bios, etc.
- Marketing coordination should be timely to take advantage of opportunities to cross-promote/engage for the festival at major Youth Speaks events.
- Facilitate national calls and other forums with the Brave New Voices Network
- Facilitate cross-program promotions to leverage Youth Speaks' full scope of programmatic activities
- Support with onboarding of the BNV 2018 Cultural Curator during the month of July 2017. This will include shadowing the current BNVCC during the Festival and debriefing the new BNVCC for the 2 weeks after the Festival.

Project Management

- Assist in the monitoring of program expenditures, maintaining and adhering to timelines, and fulfillment of project deliverables
- Serve as a key point person with program partners
- Staff the festival in July (including pre-trainings) as a liaison for local partners, culture keeper, and general production support.
- After the festival, provide formal reporting on the scope of your work and complete all administrative end duties by July 31st, 2017.

Required Qualifications:

- Must have their own transportation, they will be using their own car in their duties
- Really strong written and oral communication skills
- Really strong project management skills
- Ability to work with a diverse range of people both regionally and nationally
- Already fully oriented to Youth Speaks and Brave New Voices
- Prior experience with the Brave New Voices festival as a participant, performer, coach, etc. is a plus
- Ability to meet multiple and simultaneous deadlines
- Ability to work in partnership with people across the arts ecology spectrum including organizational leadership to youth constituencies
- Highly responsive to communication with Youth Speaks

Benefits:

This is a contracted position for seven months (January 2017-July 2017) with a \$13,000 stipend.

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Youth Speaks is an equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage and seek applications from women, people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals, as well as members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. Job applicants and staff shall not be discriminated against because of race, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, disability, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, marital status, or medical conditions.

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter and resume to employment@youthspeaks.org. In subject line, please write: Brave New Voices Cultural Curator. Only complete applications will be accepted. No calls please.