Arts Facilities **Mentoring Network**

Program Overview | 2017-2018

ArtsBuild Ontario (ABO) and WorkInCulture (WIC) are pleased enter into our fourth iteration of the Arts Facilities Mentoring Network, a mentoring program for cultural leaders focused on strengthening the business and management skills needed to manage, renew and develop arts facilities.

Through the Arts Facilities Mentoring Network, leaders in Ontario's nonprofit arts community who are responsible for their facilities or capital related issues will have access to one-to-one learning with an experienced professional with knowledge and expertise related to their facility projects.

ABO and WIC will match arts and cultural leaders around Ontario with experienced mentors from their own or other relevant sectors. The mentoring teams will meet for up to three hours monthly for 12 months to focus on furthering skills and knowledge related to managing facilities, as identified by the mentoree, such as (but not limited to):

- Property management and leasing
- Community relationships and strategic partnerships
- Marketing, communications and promotions
- Human resources
- Finances, fundraising and capital campaigns
- Community engagement
- Municipal and government relations

Participants and their organizations benefit in many ways, including:

- Improved business strategies
- Management and leadership skills
- Decision-making
- Communication
- Confidence
- Networks and contacts

We will train and support the mentoring teams to get the most out of the experience through:

- Kick-Off and Mid-Program Debrief workshops
- Wrap-up event
- At least two webinars on relevant topics around facility projects
- Training materials
- Mentoring support, casual check-ins and networking opportunities

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How to apply to the Arts Facilities Mentoring Network

APPLICATION PROCESS

Staff of Ontario-based nonprofit arts organizations who want to apply should review the FAQ sheet for details on the application process and program eligibility.

Applications must include a 1-2 minute video telling us about:

1. You and your organization
2. Your arts facilities plans and/or project
3. What you would get out of the program

The video can be recorded on a smart phone or webcam. Email your video to eilidh@artsbuildontario.ca along with your application form.

FAQ Sheet is available at: **http://www.artsbuildontario.ca/learning/mentoring-network**

PROGRAM TIMELINE AND IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Applications	**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**
Application selection	January 2017
Partner Matching*	January – March 2017
First Training Workshop	March 28, 2017
Mentoring Sessions Begin	April 2017
Mid-Session Workshop	September 12, 2017
Wrap Up Event	March 2018

Send your completed application by email only to eilidh@artsbuildontario.ca.

*If your application is successful, you will be invited to an in-person meet with ArtsBuild Ontario and/or WorkInCulture and a proposed mentor, to ensure compatibility.

THERE IS A $175 +HST FEE FOR THE MENTOREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM

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Project Partners

ArtsBuild Ontario is the only organization in Ontario dedicated to realizing long-term solutions for building, managing and financing the sustainable arts facilities needed in Ontario communities.

ArtsBuild provides tools, training and resources that support the development of sustainable creative spaces such as theatres, galleries, concert halls, museums and other arts facilities.

WorkInCulture, a nonprofit organization, supports those who work in Ontario's cultural sector through life-long career development and business skills training.

At WorkInCulture, we Connect, Create, and Curate training and tools that help arts and culture professionals develop the business skills to match their creative talents.

- We connect employers and job seekers through our popular online Job Board.
- We connect and collaborate with other arts and culture organizations to deliver professional development and business training to the creative community.
- We create original thought provoking research, designed in conjunction with other leaders in the sector covering topics that are important to the community.
- We curate information - research, links, tips, and resources - that we feel is relevant to our audience.

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You can find this overview and other Arts Facilities Mentoring Network documents and forms at:
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