

Creative Spaces Mentoring Network



Program Overview | 2019-2020

ArtsBuild Ontario (ABO) is pleased to enter into our fifth iteration of the Creative Spaces Mentoring Network, a mentoring program for cultural leaders focused on strengthening the business and management skills needed to manage, renew and develop creative spaces.

Through the Creative Spaces Mentoring Network, leaders in Ontario's 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 space projects.

ABO will match arts and cultural leaders with experienced mentors from their own or other relevant sectors. The mentoring teams will meet for up to three hours monthly over 12 months to focus on furthering skills and knowledge related to managing the mentee's creative space project, 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 so that they get the most out of the experience through:

- Kick-Off Workshop, Mid-Point Check-ins and a Wrap-Up Webinar
- Webinars on relevant topics around creative space projects
- Training materials and Mentoring support
- Networking opportunities

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How to apply to the Creative Spaces Mentoring Network

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

To apply to the Creative Spaces Mentoring Network, please submit an application form, a letter of support, and a 1-2 minute video to Erin Borch at erin@artsbuildontario.ca

In the 1-2 minutes video, mentees should tell us:

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.

Important Dates

Deadline for Mentee Applications	Friday, November 16, 2018
Application selection	November – December 2018
Partner Matching	November 2018 – January 2019
First Training Workshop	February 26, 2019
Mentoring Sessions Begin	February 27, 2019
Wrap Up Webinar	March 2020