

Job Posting: Unity Artist Educator

Calling all MCs, Breakers, Hip Hop Dancers, Beatboxers, Graffiti Writers and DJs!

Unity Charity is Canada's leading youth mental health organization that develops resiliency and promotes well being through Hip-Hop art forms. Operating since 2007, Unity has prioritized cultivating youth leaders and delivering programs in underserved and priority communities, successfully engaging more than 250,000 youth (ages 12-29) to date.

Unity's front line Artist Educators model ways in which Hip-Hop can help youth make better choices as leaders, mentor one another, express their stress through positive outlets, and develop skills for success through hard work, dedication, and a positive mindset.

Application Deadline: Monday, April 15th

Role Description:

Unity Charity is looking to add to our talented roster of Artist Educators. Artist Educators are key members of Unity Charity's frontline team, working with youth in Elementary, Middle and High Schools, as well as Public and Non-Profit spaces in the GTA and across Canada. Artist Educators also have the opportunity to be booked for corporate and professional performances, and to participate in ongoing professional, creative, and community-focused trainings.

Artists should:

- Have some experience in facilitation/youth or community work/hosting & holding space/engaging youth. (Non-conventional experience is considered and valued!)
- Be active, and experienced in your artform(s) or recognized as an active contributor by your respective arts communities (self taught / informally trained artists are encouraged to apply!)
- Understanding of/commitment to learning/adopting anti-oppression & equity frameworks.
- Professionalism
- Desire to act as a positive role model in the communities we engage in.
- Willingness to learn about and promote positive mental health outcomes.
- Understanding of, relationship to and respect for the hip hop community and its art forms.

Key Responsibilities:

- Creating / holding inclusive spaces for youth participants
- Act as a key instructor and expert on one or more hip hop disciplines for youth programs--Spoken Word / MC, Dance - Breaking & Hip Hop Dance, Beatbox, Graffiti, DJ

- Provide artistic instruction, guidance, and responses to inquiries and feedback from diverse youth groups in programming contexts
- Develop workshop lesson plans & program curriculums, objectives, and requirements to meet UNITY program needs for each workshop, with support from Unity Coordinators.
- Actively and regularly participate in Unity-led Artist Educator trainings, and commit to professional and artistic development as an artist, presenter and facilitator
- Develop or refer students to materials for continuing learning
- Promote Unity's message by directing youth and stakeholders to Unity outreach initiatives, where opportunities exist (Unity Festival, Unity social media, Unity program locations, volunteering, Unity chapters, Unity performances etc.)
- Experience in public performance and speaking
- Act in accordance to Unity's Behavioural Code of Conduct and exercise professional judgment in all scenarios involving youth and external stakeholders
- Take attendance / collect registration forms & surveys / work with Unity coordinators to collect data and feedback
- Act as an ambassador to Unity's hip-hop community and participate in social events
- Work in partnership with teachers, community partners and other Unity stakeholders as needed

Please Note:

Acceptance to the artist roster does NOT guarantee a set volume of contractual work for each artist, per year. Although Unity strives to develop and assign opportunities equally, it is subject to a multiple factors including scheduling, funding, and workshop requirements throughout the year. **Vulnerable sector screening (VSS) police check is required for all artist educators.**

Training will involve a 3 day retreat from **Wednesday August 14th** to **Friday August 16th**, followed by 2 full day locally on **Tuesday August 20th** and **Wednesday August 21st**. Artists **MUST** be available for all dates. This will be followed by a 3 month probation period.

How to Apply:

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To apply for this role, please forward to **bookings.admin@unitycharity.com**:

- 1 resume that summarizes your relevant artistic/ facilitation/ performance experience (no more than 2 pages),
- EITHER an artist bio OR a cover letter (no more than 2 pages)
- 3 examples of your work
- 3 references

Applications submitted to any other Unity staff or artists will not be considered. Unity sincerely thanks all applicants for their expressed interest in this opportunity, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please do not send video files--send links!

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, please feel free to contact us at **bookings.admin@unitycharity.com**.