

Dreams of Hope's Teaching Artists

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Dreams of Hope contracts Teaching Artists on a project-by-project basis. Teaching Artists are practicing artists who work with us to hold space engaging and educating participants.

We are eager to connect with local artists and educators to support our projects and programs centering creative queer youth. We invite creatives of all kinds to reach out to us! Members of the LGBTQIA+ community and people of color are highly encouraged to apply.

ABOUT DREAMS OF HOPE

Through the power of the arts, **Dreams of Hope** provides the region's lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and allied (LGBTQ+) youth a welcoming environment to grow in confidence, express themselves, and develop as leaders. Their creative contributions educate audiences, build awareness, and increase acceptance.

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES

There are multiple possible entry points to work with Dreams of Hope as a Teaching Artist! This could be a one time workshop, a several week residency, or multiple months holding space for one of our larger programs.

Please review our programs and event series below to get an understanding of where you might be able to plug in.

- **theatriQ**
 - A year-round performance program for LGBTQ+ youth and their allies
 - The ensemble works in partnership with an interdisciplinary team of teaching artists to create a full-length devised production
 - Typically, the fall is focused on research, writing, and play development, while the spring is focused on production, rehearsal, and performance.
- **sQool**
 - Queer-focused, arts programming in schools and other educational spaces
 - Teaching artists and educators deliver customized workshops, classes, and trainings to a variety of groups
 - In-class and/or out-of-class residencies
 - Professional development trainings for adults who work with young people
 - One-time creative workshops inside or outside the classroom
 - Pop-up creative activities at festivals and events
- **speaQ** - A community-based series for creative expression
- **outreach series** - Workshops around the Pittsburgh area that focus on different arts activities. Hosted by teaching artists to share DOH with the wider Pittsburgh community.

ABOUT THE PROCESS

We contract Teaching Artists on a project-by-project basis and welcome applications on a rolling basis. Staff periodically review applications and follow up with applicants as opportunities arise.

Please highlight the following in your application

- How your creative experience translates to teaching and educating young people
- Experience working with young people, particularly LGBTQ+ youth and youth of color
- Your knowledge and understanding of LGBTQ+ culture, art, and history
- How you integrate social justice and intersectionality into your art and/or teaching
- What your current capacity and commitment level look like – and if this is expecting to change

Interested candidates are invited to submit the following

- Resume and cover letter
- Sample works of art including but not limited to artist website, online portfolio, writing samples, images, video, and music.
- An example of your teaching work or ideas. This can include 1 or more of the following:
 - Sample lesson plan or curriculum of a workshop or class you have previously thought
 - Documentation of art created by students in a class or workshop you taught
 - A proposed workshop or class idea for any one of our programs

Applicants should submit materials by email to info@dreamsofhope.org with the subject line below. **Please include your full name in the title of any attached files.**

We also know that not everyone has fully fleshed out application materials or they may not represent yourself in totality. Therefore, we look at non-traditional materials!

Subject: [APPLICANT'S FULL NAME] [INTERESTED POSITION]