

Job Training Program

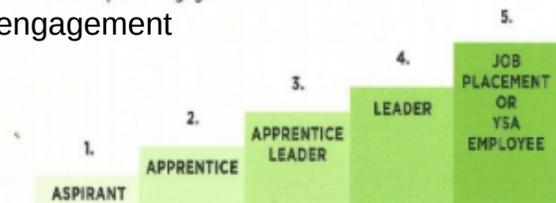
Youth Spirit Artworks...

serves and empowers over 200 young people per year by helping them develop the skills necessary to thrive in the community and secure gainful employment. Youth experiential learning focuses on one of 7 vocational pathways including:

- 1) **Community Organizing:** Actively engages youth in efforts to use their art for community organizing to create justice and equity.
- 2) **Social Work:** Gain broader knowledge and a deeper understanding of an area of social work and explore social work as a potential career.
- 3) **Gallery / Fine Arts:** Learn skills associated with Gallery Management and showcasing as a professional artist in various mediums.
- 4) **Voices of Power:** Learn to express yourself with confidence, embrace the power of storytelling, and produce a complete project under deadline.
- 5) **Teaching:** Develop your leadership skills by learning how to be an empowering educator.
- 6) **Social Media:** Collaborate as a team to manage all of the social media accounts for Youth Spirit Artworks. Gain valuable marketing, advertising, and communication skills.
- 7) **Sales & Merch:** Learn about various aspects of sales and creative entrepreneurship to help build YSA's selling market.

Participants...

Climb a 5 step progression ladder of increasing skills building, leadership, and engagement



Participants are paid a monthly stipend for completing projects and attending weekly jobs-readiness, leadership, and life skills trainings. Stipend amounts increase as youth advance through the progression ladder. Participants also receive individualized support with their employment, educational, and personal goals. Enrollment is open year-round, so youth can sign up onsite any time!

Contact YSA

YSA Art Studio & Program Site

1740 Alcatraz Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94703

Monday-Friday
12:30pm-6:30pm
(510) 858-7229

YSA Shanice Kiel Gallery

3324 Adeline Street
Berkeley, CA 94703

To learn more, subscribe to our email newsletter, donate, or view our online store, please visit: www.youthspiritartworks.org

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A JOBS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH USING ART TO TRANSFORM LIVES

About YSA

Founded in 2007, the mission of Youth Spirit Artworks (YSA) -- as a youth-led, inter-faith organization -- is to empower underserved youth by providing them community, opportunities, and resources for personal and professional growth through jobs training, social justice projects, and the use of art for healing and transformation.

YSA carries out its work through 6 job training program areas:

1) Youth Housing / Tiny House Empowerment Village

2) Wellness, Healing, & Vocational Growth

3) Core Jobs Training

4) Art Sales / Events & Exhibits

5) Voices of Power / Street Spirit

6) Interfaith Community Organizing



Tiny House Empowerment Village

Responding to the dire need for youth housing, YSA initiated a ten-year community organizing campaign to create "100 Homes for Homeless Youth" in San Francisco's East Bay.

In January 2016, YSA began planning for a 26-unit Tiny House Village for transitional age youth.

In April 2017, YSA youth worked with architect Dan Edleson and contractor Tre Brown to design and construct a Tiny House prototype in YSA's backyard art lot. YSA unveiled the finished Tiny House prototype in October 2017.

As of February 2021, the Tiny House Empowerment Village has opened to serve and empower 22 unhoused young adults from Berkeley and Oakland.

YSA is currently taking steps to continue our "100 Homes for Homeless Youth" campaign.

For more information, please contact the Executive Director, Sally Hindman, at sally@youthspiritartworks.org



Street Spirit Newspaper

For over two decades, *Street Spirit* has been dedicated to empowering poor and homeless people by providing the space for them to share their own stories.

At a time when the voices of poor people are virtually locked out of the mainstream media, *Street Spirit* upholds that unhoused people are the experts about their own experiences.

We report extensively on homelessness, poverty, economic inequality, welfare issues, human rights issues, and the struggle for social justice from the perspective of those most impacted.

The newspaper provides 100-some vendors an opportunity to earn an income, and gives readers a progressive alternative to the corporate-controlled mainstream media.

YSA youth contribute original photos, illustrations, poetry, and writing pieces that are featured in the newspaper.

Help us remain an independent voice for justice! To learn more, subscribe, or donate, please visit *Street Spirit's* website at www.thestreetspirit.org, or email streetspiritnews@gmail.com.

