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## Arts Networks and Resource Groups

Get connected to arts networks, resources, and services! This Directory of Networks and Services is organized by region, with national groups followed by regional groups. Click on the group name to visit their website. Looking for funding? Start with our free Funding Guide at [http://artbridges.ca/learning/community\\_arts\\_funding](http://artbridges.ca/learning/community_arts_funding).

## NATIONAL NETWORKS AND GROUPS

### **Art Hives**

The Art Hives Network connects "community arts studios together in order to build solidarity across geographic distances. This effort seeks to strengthen and promote the benefits of these inclusive, welcoming spaces across Canada, and throughout the world. Also known as 'public homeplaces,' these third spaces create multiple opportunities for dialogue, skill sharing, and art making between people of differing socio-economic backgrounds, ages, cultures.

### **ArtBridges**

ArtBridges is a hub and forum for connection for anyone interested in or active in community-engaged arts and arts for social change in Canada. Find out about affordable and accessible community-engaged arts initiatives. Learn about what's going on, opportunities, workshops and resources.

### **Arts Consultants Canada**

Arts Consultants Canada is a professional association of consultants who provide services to clients in the arts and cultural sector in Canada. Also available in French; aussi en français.

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## Arts Health Network Canada

"We are Canada's primary arts and health networking and resource hub....The goal of Arts Health Network Canada (AHNC) is to bring arts and health activities into the mainstream of Canadian life so that all Canadians are able to engage in art for the health of it, as well as the joy of it."

## Arts and Health Project

"The Arts & Health Project addresses the current gap in seniors' services between those for well older adults and those for frail seniors who are in care. It provides professionally led arts programming for vulnerable seniors in community and seniors' centres. The intended long-term outcome of this project is "strong, healthy communities that engage seniors as full and active participants and that value the arts as a key contributor to health."

## Artscape DIY

Artscape DIY offers information resources and tools to support creative placemaking.

## Canada Council for the Arts

"The Canada Council for the Arts is Canada's national, arm's-length arts funding agency. Main areas of activity are: grants, prizes & fellowships, research, communications and arts promotion. The Canada Council Art Bank, the Killam Program, the Public Lending Right Program and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO are all administered through the Canada Council."

## Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

"Promotes a safe and healthy working environment by providing information and advice about occupational health and safety." Searchable database of chemicals and health concerns for art materials and studios. Aussi en français.

## CARFAC

"As the national voice of Canada's professional visual artists, CARFAC defends artists' economic and legal rights and educates the public on fair dealing with artists....CARFAC engages actively in advocacy, lobbying, research and public education on behalf of artists in Canada." Also available in French; aussi en français."

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## Charity Village

An online information hub for the nonprofit sector; includes articles, e-Learning courses, job postings and news.

## CHRC

"The Cultural Human Resources Council (CHRC) brings together cultural workers and employers to address training, career development and other human resource issues." The CHRC also offers eLearning programs for artists, cultural workers, businesses and entrepreneurs. Aussi en français.

## Community Foundations of Canada

"Community Foundations of Canada is the national network for Canada's 191 community foundations from coast to coast to coast." Aussi en français.

## Creative Aging Network Canada

"A network of volunteers, artists, writers, performers, educators and service providers across Canada who use social media to share ideas to enhance the well-being of adults 50+. CAN's purpose is to act as a connector, convener and catalyst for the emerging creative aging field in Canada."

## Culture Days

"Culture Days raises the awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities." The annual Culture Days festival takes place in September and focuses on free, participatory public art activities. Culture Days offers resources, webinars, and tools around public engagement, outreach, and social media. Aussi en français.

## Department of Canadian Heritage

Canada's federal government department responsible for arts & culture. Website includes an A-Z list of federal government funding programs. Aussi en français.

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## **HR Council for the Nonprofit Sector**

The HR Council was active from 2005-2013. Its free tools and resources are archived through the community foundations of Canada. The HR Council aimed to: strengthen HR management practices, support skills development and work-related learning, build and share knowledge about the nonprofit labour force, promote leadership development and succession planning, and foster a culture of inclusivity. Aussi en français.

## **Imagine Canada**

"Imagine Canada is a national charitable organization whose cause is Canada's charities. Our three broad goals are to strengthen the sector's collective voice, create opportunities to connect and learn from each other, and build the sector's capacity to succeed. The Standards Program awards accreditation to charities and nonprofits that demonstrate excellence in five areas of operations." Aussi en français.

## **Making Makers**

"Making Makers empowers Canadians to connect and contribute their own making activities or those that are valuable to their communities, from weavers' studios and knitting resources to spots for maker kids and 3D printing labs. This free-use site is open to Canadian residents seeking to host or join a space for any type of hands-on creative outlet." Aussi en français.

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## PROVINCIAL NETWORKS AND GROUPS

### **Regroupement Artistique Francophone de l'Alberta (AB)**

“Le RAFA est un organisme de services aux arts et le porte-parole de la communauté francophone artistique et culturelle de l'Alberta. Il a pour mission de regrouper les artistes et les organismes artistiques et culturels d'expression française pour assurer le développement et l'épanouissement de toutes les formes d'expressions artistiques en Alberta.”

### **Community Arts Council of Vancouver (BC)**

“CACV creates community through the arts. CACV is the voice for the community arts in Vancouver. We explore critical social issues through creative processes. CACV fosters and supports programs, practices and initiatives that develop common understanding through shared experiences.”

### **First Peoples' Cultural Council (BC)**

"The First Peoples' Cultural Council is a First Nations-run Crown Corporation with a mandate to support the revitalization of Aboriginal language, arts and culture in British Columbia. We provide funding and resources to communities, monitor the status of First Nations languages and develop policy recommendations for First Nations leadership and government. " FPCC offers funding for First Nations emerging artists, collectives & organizations, youth, and more. FPCC also have a 'First Peoples Arts Map' of Indigenous artists and organizations, and toolkits for writing grants and building a portfolio.

### **Conseil Culturel et Artistique Francophone de la Colombie Britannique (BC)**

“Le Conseil culturel et artistique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CCAFCB) est l'organisme porte-parole des arts et de la culture. Il a pour mandat de faciliter la concertation, le regroupement et la collaboration entre les organismes communautaires et les artistes francophones. Il offre un répertoire d'artistes aux diffuseurs afin de favoriser la visibilité des artistes francophones en milieu Anglophone.”

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## **ACI Manitoba (MB)**

"ACI Manitoba is a member driven, not for profit organization dedicated to supporting the arts and cultural industries of Manitoba and helping to develop sustainable careers for those working in arts and culture. For a wide range of Manitoba based arts and cultural organizations, businesses and individual artists, ACI Manitoba provides: arts specific management training; arts and cultural resources; networking opportunities; youth mentorship programs; urban and rural Aboriginal programming." ACI Manitoba offers a Community Collaborative Arts Training Program, workshops/seminars, and an e-learning program. They also provide toolkits and job postings.

## **Alliance for Arts Education in Manitoba (MB)**

"The Alliance for Arts Education in Manitoba (AAEM) is a non-profit organization committed to expanding opportunities in the arts for children and youth. Goals of the organization are to: provide information to all sectors of the community on the value of a strong arts education; bring together various professional, educational and community bodies and facilitate collaborations that provide more opportunities in arts education than are readily available; celebrate the arts achievements of our children and youth."

## **Association of Community Theatres Manitoba (MB)**

"ACT is a provincially funded, volunteer organization with a mandate to support amateur theatre and amateur performing arts in Manitoba. Membership in ACT is on a yearly basis and annual fees are due in September. Membership is open to all amateur theatre groups in Manitoba. Members benefit from participation in the ACT Festival, access to Theatre Education and Professional Resources, and ACT Group Insurance."

## **Uniquely Manitoba (MB)**

Uniquely Manitoba's objective is "to assist Manitoba's artists, craftspersons and specialty food producers in developing their products to become market ready."

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## **Manitoba Arts Network (MB)**

"Manitoba Arts Network is a non-profit, charitable arts programming organization, showcasing and advancing arts and culture in all regions of Manitoba. The Network is dedicated to connecting Manitoba's communities by celebrating and sharing the arts. Our Mandate: creating opportunities for all to experience and participate in arts and cultural activities; promoting visual, performing and literary art and artists through touring programs; providing professional development for artists and community organizations; developing and supporting a strong network of Manitoba Arts organizations."

## **Volunteer Manitoba (MB)**

"Volunteer Manitoba's goal is to provide information, training and resources on all aspects of the voluntary sector and to build strong communities with working partners including governments, researchers, non-profit/charitable organizations, volunteers, funders, donors, labour and businesses."

## **Elsipogtog CLCD (NB)**

"To provide a critical foundation for the quality of life and to work together to help promote the physical, mental, spiritual and social wellbeing of people who live and work in the community through Sport, Leisure, Recreation and Cultural Initiatives."

## **Eastern Edge Gallery (NL)**

"Eastern Edge is committed to facilitating critical dialogue concerning issues in contemporary art and society, actively encouraging artists whose work speaks to feminist, queer, multicultural, and other socially and politically diverse perspectives. Eastern Edge is a supportive space to develop skills, share information and resources, fostering community and a meaningful context for artistic activity."

## **4Cs Foundation (NS)**

"The 4Cs Foundation provides grants, education and other opportunities for community arts projects that inspire, empower, and connect children and their communities in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We believe that creating art together fosters the development of relationships, builds connections and strengthens communities."

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## **FÉCANE (NS)**

“La Fédération culturelle acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse (FÉCANE) réunit des représentants d'organismes travaillant directement au développement du secteur des arts et de la culture, des organismes travaillant au développement de la communauté acadienne et francophone qui utilise les arts et la culture comme outil de développement et des artistes individuels, qu'ils soient professionnels ou en emergence.”

## **Association des francophones du Nunavut (NU)**

“Le Franco-Centre, avec son espace scène et équipement de son, est lieu de nombreux rassemblements à saveur socio-culturels. En plus du rôle rassembleur et culturel, l'AFN a un mandat de porte-parole de la communauté francophone du Nunavut. Une table de concertation rassemblant tous les organismes francophones permet un partage entre les organismes”.

## **ArtReach (ON)**

"ArtReach is a program designed to support arts initiatives that engage youth who have experienced exclusion in under-served areas of Toronto. In addition to funding, ArtReach provides capacity building initiatives that aim to strengthen the community of young artists working towards social change in Toronto. Examples include grant writing supports for young people applying to the fund, mentorship for youth and groups that are provided with funding, as well as free monthly workshops on different topics of interest as part of the GOAL Youth Capacity Building Workshop Series."

## **BRAVO (ON)**

“La mission de BRAVO possède de nombreux rôles, dont les plus importants les communications intermembres, la dynamisation des arts visuels en Ontario français et la représentation politique. Une programmation a donc été adaptée à l'échelle de la province et pour tous les pratiquants des arts visuels et des métiers d'art. Structurer et pérenniser sont les leitmotifs de BRAVO.”

## **Laidlaw Foundation (ON)**

"Laidlaw Foundation invests in innovative ideas, convenes interested parties, shares its learning and advocates for change in support of young people being healthy, creative and fully engaged citizens."

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## **Neighbourhood Arts Network (ON)**

“An initiative of the Toronto Arts Foundation dedicated to celebrating and supporting community engaged artists and organizations across Toronto through professional development events, online resources, strategic community arts partnerships and signature awards.”

## **Réseau Ontario (ON)**

“Réseau Ontario a comme mandat de créer et de mettre en place les conditions et les mécanismes propices à la diffusion des arts de la scène francophones et à leur maintien à long terme. Il veille ainsi à la concertation et à la formation de ses membres, de même qu'au développement du public franco-ontarien.”

## **ServiceOntario's Nonprofit Portal (ON)**

"Here you will find guidance on how to start and manage your not-for-profit or charitable organization. You can get information about the laws and regulations that apply to not-for-profits and charities and find out about available funding opportunities. You can find answers to your questions about the sector and about Ontario government programs that support the sector."

## **Work in Culture (ON)**

Ontario-based job postings and HR-related tools and resources for artists and cultural workers.

## **Regroupement des Arts Interdisciplinaires du Quebec (QC)**

“Le Regroupement des arts interdisciplinaires du Québec est un organisme à but non lucratif qui rassemble et représente les compagnies, les diffuseurs et les artistes oeuvrant en arts interdisciplinaires au Québec. Il a pour mandat la défense des intérêts professionnels et l’amélioration des conditions socio-économiques de ses membres. Par ses activités d’information, de concertation, de réseautage, de promotion et de formation, le RAIQ entend participer activement au développement et au rayonnement de la discipline sur l’ensemble du territoire.”

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**Common Weal Community Arts  
Inc. (SK)**

“Common Weal’s mandate is to engage artists collaboratively with communities to promote social change and cultural identity. Common Weal works with many different communities throughout Saskatchewan and does not maintain a studio space on a regular basis. Offices are based in Regina and Prince Albert.”

**Association franco-yukonnaise  
(YT)**

“Le service Arts et culture de l'Association franco-yukonnaise offre plusieurs activités culturelles et artistiques. Le divertissement en français passe par les arts, et s'assure de permettre du temps de loisirs en français, de promouvoir les artistes et de renforcer l'identité francophone par l'entremise d'activités et de produits culturels et artistiques diversifiés.”

**KIAC (YT)**

KIAC “is a catalyst, creator and facilitator in arts education, arts presentation and arts celebration. DCAS seeks involvement from the community and from emerging and professional artists at the local, national and international level.”

Heard about a great new resource? Please contact [skye@artbridges.ca](mailto:skye@artbridges.ca) to update this list.

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