

Creative Community Conversations

January 24, 2018 Discussion Summary

Thank you to all our community members who participated in our first Creative Community Conversations event on January 24, 2018. It was an honor to hear about the exciting work being done in our city and a welcome challenge to learn of the concerns we share in furthering the development of arts and culture programs and projects in Tacoma. We carefully preserved everyone's feedback and below is a summary of the data. Cross-cutting themes from the break-out groups are indicated in bold. We look forward to future conversations as we address these concerns and more.

We want MORE!

Opportunities for art

Art options for children

Public spaces for art and creation that are inclusive and diverse

Funding/support for arts and culture

Gatherings

Relevant options

Locations and opportunities for youth to engage in arts, heritage, science and culture

Art therapy/art and healing

Venues throughout the city

Festivals

Free Walls

Space for art venues and galleries

Education and Training

More art in schools; not just athletics and after-school programs

Mentorship and tutoring

Training for artists at varying stages of development (youth to senior/emerging to professional)

Tie-in to whole child initiative/social-emotional learning

Apprenticeships

Professional development/access to content expertise

Arts education for adults

Increased partnerships with colleges/universities

Conventions, symposia, workshops for artists

Partnership with Tacoma Public Schools

Access

Affordability of activities and events (sliding scale)

Transportation

A variety of art forms in all neighborhoods

Increased access to arts in underserved areas, particularly for children

Events are accessible for all

Involvement

Embed artists in strategic thinking

Regular gatherings for artists to meet and exchange ideas/information

Networking opportunities

Community-led conversations

Connection to community partners and business

Equity

Ensure all involved are receiving quality, meaningful, and challenging equity training

Culturally relevant programs and materials

Activities that allow everyone to see themselves reflected

Connection to and opportunities for people with disabilities, people of color, low-income, immigrants, LGBTQ, seniors, vets

Build relationships in communities/don't just "plunk" something into a community

Collaborate with groups already working in equity and social justice

Spaces for art performance and creation in East and South Tacoma

Language barriers addressed

All are represented

Communication

Opportunities for community feedback (community-led)

Methods to engage with specific communities who aren't currently being reached

Community mapping to show 'art deserts' as well as art resources

Communication tools geared toward 'non-art' households

Shared marketing about events and opportunities

Community feedback opportunities (events, surveys, etc.)

Calendar/opportunities, events, and activities website and app

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