



PROFESSIONAL SUMMER LEARNING COMMUNITIES: ARTS EDUCATION

Arts Education has disappeared from classrooms, despite years of research proving that a focus on the arts improves students' academic achievement in other subjects, promotes critical thinking and social and emotional development, helps reduce violence and disciplinary actions, and strengthens communities. These gains are disproportionately positive for students of color and schools that primarily serve low-income families. Many states have enacted arts education mandates but implementation falls far short, often because of a lack of time, budget, and people.

Meanwhile, cultural institutions such as museums, theaters, dance companies, and parks, offer stellar arts programming and are seeking education partners. How might we effectively bring these groups together to help students thrive in the classroom and in communities? What can we learn from schools and cultural institutions that are already innovating to excellence in arts education?

The goal of the Arts Education PLC is to convene educators and cultural leaders who are interested in connecting their students to arts programming in the classroom, off-site, and online. Sessions will include arts practitioners and leaders in arts education discussing curriculum, funding, partnerships, and public policy considerations.

Planned, led, and facilitated by NSLA Field Consultants, the PLC:

- Share best practices, respond to the latest thinking, and come together for knowledge, professional renewal, and growth
- Hold quarterly training meetings and one in-person all-day retreat at NSLA's Annual Conference in Washington DC
- Develop a list of funding, partnership, and curriculum resources to share with the field

Who Should Join this PLC?

- Leaders and program directors of cultural institutions
- Schools
- Education centers and nonprofit organizations serving youth ages K-12



PLEASE SAVE THE DATES!

Tuesday, May 30th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (PDT)

- Topic: "Accessibility in the Arts"
- Guest Speaker: Amber Knox, Executive Director, Tieton Arts & Humanities

Tuesday, July 25th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (PDT)

- Topic: "Elements of Instructional Design in Arts Learning"
- Guest Speaker: Tamar Krames, Program Manager for Arts in Education, ArtsWA

Tuesday, September 19th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (PDT)

- Topic: "Arts + SEL"
- Guest Speakers: LeAnn Binford, Director of Consulting Services & Lela Bell Wesley, Director of Professional Learning, Big Thought



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