



Director of Summer Art/Activism/Impact Laboratory

Part-Time Position

The Putney School seeks to fill a part-time position for Director of Art/Activism/Impact to design and implement programming for the three-week pilot program, Art/Activism/Impact.

The School

Putney is a progressive, coeducational, boarding school of 230 students located in Putney, Vermont, with a Summer Programs open to approximately 250 students. Putney is committed to cultivating and sustaining a community that embraces difference, seeks inclusivity, and demands cultural awareness, and we hire accordingly. For more information on The Putney School, please visit our website www.putneyschool.org and our summer site summer.putneyschool.org

The Laboratory

Art/Activism/Impact is a pilot program of the school's Summer Programs. This three-week symposium-style workshop is designed for 20 students to engage the challenging issues of the day, learn from peers and professional activists, and work collaboratively on artistic projects that provoke, educate, and force us to act. We seek to equip young artists and activists with the knowledge and tools to be effective.

Position Summary

In consultation with the Director of Summer Programs, the Director of Art/Activism/Impact is responsible for the design and implementation of curriculum for the three-week summer intensive. This includes building a schedule of field trips and workshops offered by guest faculty, visiting artists, and activists as we explore current and historical examples of art for social change. We seek someone with the capacity to bring together a variety of individuals including printmakers, installation artists, puppeteers, theater producers, non-profit directors, lawyers, filmmakers, poets and others. The successful candidate will need to become familiar with the school's location and the resources available locally and regionally.

Together with these provocative guest artists, the Director of Art/Activism/Impact will lead students to team up for work on specific projects that give voice to issues that participants identify as ones they care strongly about. These projects can span various art forms, depending on student experience and the interests of the group. Art/Activism/Impact piggybacks on the school's Summer Arts program, giving participants access to the faculty, studios, and resources needed to create.

The position is seasonal with an anticipated 40-50 hours for planning and program development between January and the arrival of students on Sunday, July 15. The primary on-campus organizational and training component will take place during staff orientation June 17-24 and July 8-15. The three-week program with students in residence is July 15-August 3. The successful candidate will be an arts educator and artist with experience designing curriculum and direct experience working on issue-related art and community engagement. Room and board provided during the summer session with compensation dependent on experience and skills that the candidate brings to the position. Position reports to the Director of Summer Programs.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume, and list of references to Tom Howe, Director of Summer Programs, at thowe@putneyschool.org