



City of Nanaimo
Youth Lounge

CALL FOR YOUTH ARTISTS

Date issued: November 28, 2023

Deadline: 4PM Pacific Time, January 26, 2024

Introduction

The City of Nanaimo is seeking submissions from youth artists (ages 13 - 20) for an artistic design that will be used to celebrate and share information about the Youth Lounge.

The Youth Lounge is a free program for youth between the ages of 11-18yrs, offered in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island. It runs on Thursdays from 3-7pm, and Fridays from 2-9pm at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre.

The Youth Lounge provides opportunities to spend time with friends, make new friends, play games, find a quiet space to work independently, and engage with others in a fun, inclusive, supervised space. The Youth Lounge offers a variety of free activities such as swimming, skating, air hockey, foosball, video games, homework support, pizza nights and much more.

Amenities include: wi-fi, charging stations, snacks, music, comfortable seating, board games, movies, PS5, virtual reality, and more.

The youth artist whose artwork is selected will receive a **\$500** honorarium and will work with project coordinators in the digitization of their artwork (when necessary) and the implementation of their design for Youth Lounge communications material.

Themes to consider in your art... the Youth Lounge is...

- A safe, inclusive space;
- A space to meet friends; A space to make friends;
- An environment to relax and be yourself;
- A place for fun - for games, virtual reality, art and creativity;
- What you make of it - this space is for you - youth!

Eligibility

Who can apply?

The Call for Youth Artists is open to all youth artists who:

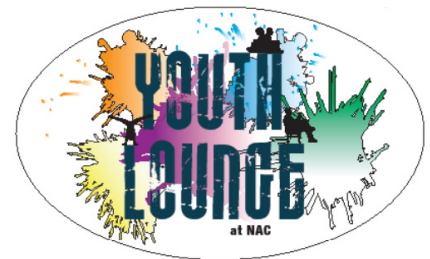
- are between the ages of 13 and 20
- live on Vancouver Island, British Columbia
- have a connection to Nanaimo and/or understanding of this place

The Call for Youth Artists is open to youth working individually or in collaboration, and encourages applications from those who experience barriers of accessibility due to gender identity/expression, racial identity, or perception of disability.

Art Guidelines

Below are guidelines and suggestions to consider in the creation of your artwork:

- artwork will include the words 'Youth Lounge' (see below examples from other cities/ youth spaces as reference and/or inspiration);
- two-dimensional (scale can be variable but the artwork must be portable);
- colourful and dynamic; captures what you feel the Youth Lounge represents - what it means to you and other youth;
- inclusive;
- appropriate for families/ children;
- can be any format (digital, painting, drawing); artwork submitted in the form of an original painting/ drawing/ etc, will be digitized and original artwork returned to the artist



How to Apply

All proposals will be evaluated by a Selection Panel of City of Nanaimo Staff and members of the Art in Public Spaces Working Group. Artworks involving Indigenous content will require the approval of Snuneymuxw First Nation (see PG 5 for more information).

Delivering Submission Materials

Submissions must be received no later than:

4PM Pacific Time, January 26, 2024.

Requirements/ Include:

1. Your artwork (review Art Guidelines and Ways to Submit)
2. A completed Applicant Information Form (see PG 6)
3. A very brief summary (100 words max) of your approach to this call - i.e. What inspired you? What did you hope to convey? What do you want the Selection Panel to know?

There are three Ways to Submit:

1. Submit your application and required documents online using the FORM provided. When submitting an online application, high resolution photographs of original artwork will be accepted in the event the submission is not a digital work of art; or
2. Mail your application to:

Culture and Events, Culture Coordinator
ATTN: Youth Call to Artists
455 Wallace Street,
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6
3. Drop off your application and required documents in-person to the Culture & Events Dropbox, located at the Bowen Complex, 500 Bowen Road. The Dropbox is located on the lower level of the building near the tennis courts (Pine Street Entrance). Hand delivered applications MUST include one (1) hard copy and one (1) electronic version on a flash drive. The application must be enclosed and sealed in an envelope/package clearly marked:

Your Name
ATTN: Youth Call to Artists
City of Nanaimo
Culture and Events



Timeline

Anticipated schedule

- Call to Artists December 6, 2023
- Submission deadline January 26, 2024, 4PM PST
- Artwork Selected February 2024

Terms & Conditions

Once submitted, the application is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information will not be released except in accordance with the *FOIPPA*. Questions about the collection of your personal information may be referred to the Legislative Services Department at (250) 755-4405, or via email at foi@nanaimo.ca.

Confidentiality

Materials submitted for consideration to the Call for Youth Artists will be treated as confidential. Ideas presented are understood to be the intellectual property of the applicant and the information contained therein will not be reproduced or adapted for any purpose, except to the extent necessary to communicate information to Staff and the committee for the purpose of evaluation and analysis. The City will not release this information to the public except required under the Province of BC's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Copyright

Copyright for the artwork will belong jointly to the artist and to the City of Nanaimo. Rights regarding the use of artwork and its reproduction will be clearly outlined in an Agreement signed between the artist and the City.

Questions

Thank you for your interest! Applicants will receive confirmation of submission following the submission deadline. The final selection of artwork will be announced by February 2024. Questions regarding the Call to Youth Artists may be directed to Culture & Events at cultureandevents@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4483. Questions should be directed to the Culture Coordinator.



Indigenous Protocols & Permissions

Context

The City of Nanaimo is located on the traditional and ancestral territories of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

The City is committed to ensuring that the development of art in public spaces includes respect of local First Nations protocols. We recognize that longstanding discussions on Indigenous Protocols are complex, dynamic, and unique to each Indigenous Nation and community, regardless of location.

We recognize the rights of all Indigenous Peoples, regardless of origin, to own and control their cultural heritage, confirmed in Article 31 of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Protocols

Protocols are traditional ways of doing things in a particular territory. They range from hard rules and laws to softer customs such as good manners. Protocols are appropriate ways of engaging with Indigenous cultural material and interacting with Indigenous artists, Nations, and communities. Protocols arise from value systems and cultural principles developed within and across communities over time.

As the primary guardians and interpreters of their own cultures, Indigenous communities present in Nanaimo have well-established protocols covering cultural production and sharing. We Honour and comply with the protocols of the Snuneymuxw First Nation by ensuring that we conduct our work based on good faith and mutual respect, and ongoing good relations.

In accordance with the protocols of Snuneymuxw First Nation, we require that artwork incorporating Indigenous content be approved by the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

Indigenous content is considered to be present when imagery, expressions, motifs and methods convey Indigenous knowledge, formally or informally.

Responsible use of Indigenous Cultural Knowledge and expression ensures that First Nations, Inuit, and Métis cultures are maintained and protected so they can be passed on to future generations.

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Applicant Information form

Legal Name: _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Signature & Declaration

I hereby acknowledge that the information included with my application is complete, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am the copyright holder of all images and materials supplied to the City of Nanaimo in support of my inclusion in the Urban Design Roster.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____