



**ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW WESTMINSTER**  
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**Arts Council of New Westminister  
Bringing Community Together Through the Arts  
Call for Committee Members**

Interested in making a difference to the New Westminister arts community? Consider volunteering on a programming or governance committees with the Arts Council of New Westminister (ACNW).

These committees plan, develop, and facilitate arts activities that engage the public, spark dialogue, and encourage collaboration. Committee members create connections and community through the arts, promote the ACNW at public events, and or seek out new arts events to recommend to the ACNW board. Committees also work to improve artists' networks and build continuity and presence through ongoing involvement in community events.

Committees are chaired by members of the ACNW board; members are volunteers with professional experience in their fields and are selected through application and interview by a Board appointed committee. Recommended allocations are approved by ACNW's Board of Directors.

Committee Members must enjoy working and interacting with people and have a positive attitude. Committee members receive no remuneration for their work but may be reimbursed for authorized expenditures made on behalf of ACNW. The ACNW's committees and juries reflect the diversity of our city and its evolving arts practices. Maximum term: 3 years.

**Committees**

We are seeking members on the following committees:

- Programming: Literary Arts, Visual Arts and Performing Arts.
- Governance: Fundraising, and Membership/Volunteer.

**Roles and Responsibilities of ANCW Committee Members**

Committees support the work of the Board of Directors with their professional expertise and advice. The committees also broaden and strengthen the Arts Council's community base. Committee members review program delivery, advise the Board of Directors on the needs of the arts community and general policy matters.

Committee members:

- Attend monthly committee meetings at least six times per year and email the committee chair or event coordinator as needed
- Attend and support community events representing ACNW. Responsibilities for each event vary depending on the needs of the organizer/artist.



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- Recommend changes in programming/governance to the Board of Directors
- Maintain an awareness of the arts community and the changing artistic practices, trends and issues within the discipline
- Advise on related matters, including the development of new opportunities/needs in the community
- Promote arts events online (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Participate as a voting member at the ACNW annual general meeting

Committee members are viewed as representatives of The Arts Council of New Westminster and should therefore conduct themselves in an appropriately professional manner, respecting their ACNW responsibilities and obligations and following the Ground Rules for Group Deliberations and Consensus Building as approved by the Board January 2016. Time required is approximately 4-6 hours per month.

### **Criteria for Committee Membership**

Committee members must:

- Be a member of the Arts Council.
- Be knowledgeable and experienced in their respective discipline, either as a professional or volunteer.
- Have no real or perceived bias respecting any special interest group while serving as Committee members.
- Consider the best interests of the entire community.
- Be willing and able to make a significant contribution of time during their tenure.

While the number of formal meetings may not be more than six each year, committee members will need to dedicate of considerable periods of time to review programming, attend events and consult with ACNW staff and other committee members. Time required is approximately 4-6 hours per month.

### **Benefits**

Learn about the various communities in New Westminster; community art practices; local events and artists; and environmental art. Meet and work with lots of great people and for great organization!

### **How to Apply**

To apply for a volunteer role, please send your information to [info@artscouncilnewwest.org](mailto:info@artscouncilnewwest.org) Please include your resume and a statement as to why you are interested in the arts and which committee you are interested in.