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At the Arts Council of New Westminster, we live and work on the unceded, traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples of the QayQayt (qiqéyt) Nation as well as all Coast Salish Nations.

**Arts Council of New Westminster**  
**VIRTUAL ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE for INDIGENOUS YOUTH ARTISTS**  
**CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2021**

The Arts Council of New Westminster aims to have an 8-week long Virtual Artist in Residence program that provides space for an Indigenous Youth artist living in British Columbia. The Virtual Artist In Residence program aims to reflect both the cultural and artistic diversity of contemporary art and to serve as an educational forum for the citizens of New Westminster and surrounding communities. This program is open to applications from both established and emerging artists living and/or working in British Columbia. For clarity: this is an artist development program, you do not need to be an established artist. This is an opportunity to develop as an artist, and no previous experience is expected. The program is open to Indigenous artists working in any artistic discipline who reside in British Columbia.

In order to break down any exclusionary barriers and create a platform for marginalized voices, artists on the LGBTQ spectrum, non-binary artists, and disabled artists, are strongly encouraged to submit.

**Submissions will be received up to 4:00pm**  
**on Wednesday, March 31, 2021**



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### **Overview:**

The Virtual Artist in Residence Program for Indigenous Youth is an online space for an artist to explore and create art, engage with the community and have time and space for experimenting on something new. This program is not prescribed, therefore, artists have the freedom to occupy this space in a way that fits their creative expression.

This residency is a self-directed presentation of the artist's artistic practise and output. The residency will take place online and the ACNW will provide its social media channels and website as the platform for expression and dissemination (or other proposed platforms).

### **Purpose of the Virtual Artist in Residency Program for Indigenous Youth:**

- To foster a supportive environment for Indigenous youth artists
- To provide time and space for Indigenous artists to do research and develop their ideas
- To honour the relationship between Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples
- To develop a connection between Indigenous Youth artists and the community of New Westminster
- To facilitate a digital presentation of the artist's work

### **The Artist in Residence will be supported in doing the following:**

- Develop an art proposal (how and what would you like to share with the community of New Westminster)
- Over the 8-week period, create a virtual story of your artistic practice / journey and share that through online platforms
- The selected applicant will work with the program coordinator and invite the community to learn, share and experience the artist's work.

**Eligibility:**

- Ages 16-28
- Be able to produce video or photographic content showcasing your work
- To apply to this Call, you are not required to be a member of the Arts Council of New Westminster.

**Budget:**

- \$500.00 for the 8 week residency



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**How to Apply:**

Please include all written material as PDF files (see form below) and submit via email to [programs@acnw.ca](mailto:programs@acnw.ca) with “ACNW Indigenous Virtual Residence Application” in the subject line. Please submit 4-6 images of your artistic expression. Please ensure that attachments total less than 5MB.

Deadline for submission is 4:00pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Proposals received by March 31, 2021 will be reviewed with preliminary decisions announced by April 15, 2021. All submissions will be juried by a panel of professional artists, educators, and administrators.

**The Selection Process:**

A Jury Selection team will meet via ZOOM to consider all applications received. All applications will receive a reply by email, stating whether the work has been accepted or not. If your application has been successful, you will be contacted by telephone or email and we will outline your responsibilities and provide other details and dates.

**Application Submission Form**

<b>Artist Name:</b>
<b>Biography C/V (300 words)</b>
<b>Proposed Virtual Content:</b>

<b>Contact Information:</b> Address:	Phone:  Email:  Website:

Applicants under the age of 18 must have written permission from their parent or guardian to apply to the Virtual Youth Artist in Residence Program. Discuss the application with your parent or guardian and have them sign below.

- Printed name of parent or guardian:

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- Parent or guardian signature:

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- Date:

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