

ART AS COMMUNITY: FOSTERING COHESION THROUGH CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Art programs such as dance, theater, music, poetry, and visual arts in neighborhoods, churches, and schools enable dialogue between community members and develop community spirit. What are the creative partnerships in the region that are enhancing neighborhood cohesion and cultural identity? What economic and social value do these partnerships have for low- to moderate-income neighborhoods?

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HOW CAN ART BE UTILIZED TO CREATE A POSITIVE IMPACT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY? *

- identifying a need; seeing the often overlooked
- seeking/providing inspiration
- recognizing/listening for/creating/exploring/providing/fostering opportunities
- identifying/addressing challenges
- establishing/building relationships and partnerships (individuals, nonprofits, arts/social/civic services, schools, businesses, churches, neighborhood associations, etc.)
- securing diverse resources (financial, volunteer, in-kind, partnerships, social networks)
- strengthening community through the arts
- providing access for all
- enhancing economic stability

RESOURCES in CENTRAL TEXAS:

The following web sites reflect but a sample of community rooted arts organizations/projects, social networks and provide links to sign up for newsletters.

LOCAL:

- www.greenmap.org/greenhouse/user/535 (put yourself on the map!)
- www.violetcrownfestival.com
- www.forkliftdanceworks.org
- www.soldesignlab.com
- www.greendoors.org
- www.projectrowhouses.org *
- www.proartsaustin.org
- www.chulaleague.org
- www.harvestmandala.com

- www.theatreactionproject.org
- www.realcommunity.ning.com
- www.upliftaustin.org
- www.austingreenart.org
- www.austinchronicle.com/gyrobase/Issue/story?oid=oid%3A891576

CITY OF AUSTIN (sign up for newsletters/email lists):

- www.ci.austin.tx.us/redevelopment/cad.htm
- www.ci.austin.tx.us/culturalplan/
- www.cityofaustin.org/aipp

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL:

- www.roadwitch.org.uk
- www.vimeo.com/3728245
- www.fieldfaring.org/temescal-amity-works
- www.pomegranate.org/
- www.fixerscollective.org
- www.cpag.net/guide
- www.abc.xbuild.com
- www.laundromatproject.org
- www.muralarts.org
- www.villagearts.org