

June 30, 2022

To: The London Community Recovery Network

We at <u>Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre</u> strongly support and are interested in participating in the London Arts Council's collaborative initiative <u>Belong</u>: Accessible Arts Experiences for Children and Youth. We feel that this program will be highly beneficial for the children, youth and families who access our services and constitute our community.

We are confident in the thoughtful methodology that the London Arts Council will administer and deliver this program is based on authentic and creative peer-to-peer social interactions, role model relationships, as well as personal reflection and growth. Outcomes such as these are possible because this program will provide a safe and consistent setting where children and youth can participate in high quality arts experiences that are developed and delivered by a considered selection of professional arts educators and their mentees. These arts experiences will encompass a significant number of culturally diverse artistic techniques and processes coupled with the exploration of socially conscious themes encompassing social justice, environmental stewardship, inclusion, identity connection and empowerment.

As this is a collaboration, <u>Glen Cairn Resource Centre</u> will:

- Provide a room in our Centre (and/or ensure the access to a room in Pond Mills London Public Library branch) for weekly art sessions on an in-kind basis.
- We will also ensure that one of our trained child and youth workers will attend and help facilitate each session.
- Furthermore, we will support this program by advertising and promoting it widely in our area neighbourhoods, and to the children, youth and families who engage in our various programs.



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These provisions will enable Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre to create new, and further build existing relationships with the children, youth and families who will attend these art sessions on a preregistered and drop-in basis.

If you require any additional information about this letter, feel free to contact me at 519-668-2745 or 226-926-1222.

Sincerely,

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