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To: The London Community Recovery Network

We at the Neighbourhood Resource Association of Westminster Park strongly support, and are interested in participating in the London Arts Council's collaborative initiative *Belong: 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 formulate our community. We are confident in the thoughtful methodology by which the London Arts Council will administer and deliver this program because it 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 amount 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, Neighbourhood Resource Association of Westminster Park will provide a room in our centre (and/or a room in a London Public Library) 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 broadly, and to the children, youth and families who engage our various programs. These provisions will enable Neighbourhood Resource Association of Westminster Park to create new, and further build existing relationships with the children, youth and families who will attend these art sessions on a pre-registered and drop-in basis.

If you require any additional information, feel free to contact me at: nrawp.volunteers@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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