

INFORMATION SHEET

The Richmond Art Gallery will initiate the *RAG Youth Collective* in September 2018. A small group of youth ages 15-19 will build their job and artistic skills in our intensive 9-month program by working with artists and arts professionals.

RAG staff will share knowledge and provide project guidance, while participants will explore various contemporary visual arts practices. Youth will meet weekly for 2 hours over the 9-month period to work with Mona Lochan, Program Facilitator; Kathy Tycholis, Education & Public Programs Coordinator; and various guest artists. Through group discussion/training sessions, individual portfolio development, and constructive critique the program participants will create artworks and art activities in a variety of media as a response to the artworks in the Gallery.

For participants, the culmination of this program will be the completion of many artworks to include in their art portfolio, development of job skills in event planning and facilitation, a professional reference letter from Art Gallery staff, and the potential of earning a minimum of 20 community involvement volunteer hours.

In addition to developing their own artistic practices and amplifying their portfolios with the work created over the course of the program, participants will also gain invaluable insight into what happens “behind the scenes” at a professional Gallery by working with Gallery staff throughout the year.

Participants in the program will be selected by Gallery staff through a letter of intent and in-person interview to ensure they have a passion for the visual arts and a strong commitment to the program.

WEEKLY PROGRAM SCHEDULE: Thursdays, 4:00 – 6:00 pm.
September 27, 2018 – June 20, 2019.
(no sessions over winter and spring holidays)

PUBLIC EVENT SCHEDULE: Sundays, 12:00 – 5:00 pm: October 21, December 2, June 2
Monday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm: February 17, 2019

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, September 17, 2018.

Application materials must be delivered online to ktycholis@richmond.ca or to the Richmond Art Gallery, 7700 Minoru Gate by 6pm.

NOTIFICATION: Short-listed applicants will be notified **September 18-19** and booked for an in-person interview. **Only short-listed applicants will be notified.**

PROGRAM STARTS: Thursday, September 27 at 4:00 pm