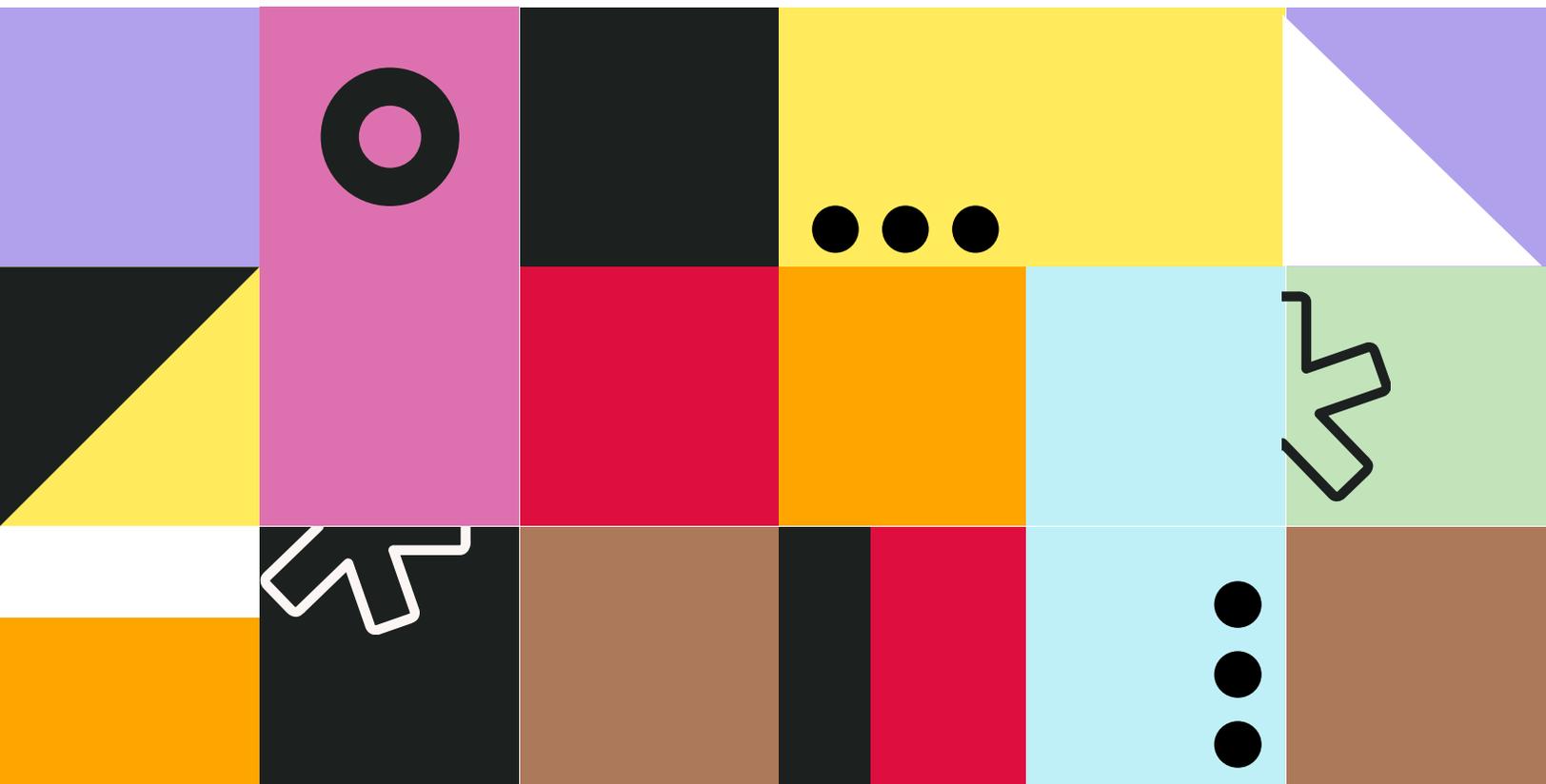


TOGETHER IN TIME

A COLLECTION OF 2SLGBTQ+ STORIES



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WELCOME

Thanks for your interest in our project! **Together in Time** is an art project funded by the City of Ottawa's Diversity in the Arts Fund that works to tell 2SLGBTQ+ history creatively and collaboratively. CCGSD is excited to invite youth, individuals, community members, and organizations to apply to our collective art project. Any artist level is welcome, from skilled creators to first time makers.

We like to think of it as if we're commissioning you to tell us a story that matters to you about 2SLGBTQ+ community past, present, and future through art. You'll be paid an honorarium and provided with a package containing a standard sized square panel to serve as the base of your creation. We'll also provide you with online access to workshops, history resources, information, and more to guide you in your learning journey about 2SLGBTQ+ history and community. With the help of local artists, we'll also link you with artistic guidance, inspiration, tips and tricks to help you put your section of this art piece together.

Whether you'll be creating the panel as a group, an organization, a representative, or an individual, we encourage you to reflect on your own connections to 2SLGBTQ+ peoples across time. We'll ask you to reflect on your process, your art piece, and tell us more about you in a Workbook you'll receive online.

Once we've collected your section of the art piece and Workbook, we'll highlight your creation but also the work you do, in conversation with other great organizations and people! We're planning to exhibit the collective art piece around Ottawa in museums, galleries, and schools. We'll also be featuring the panels on our social media and linking back to you and your work.



INSPIRATION

We've been looking to several places for inspiration...

Once brought together, the individual panels will be evocative of the National AIDS Memorial Quilt that called on community members to commemorate those who lost their battles with HIV/AIDS. The collective art piece will bring together different intersections of the community and reflect the diversity and complexity of 2SLGBTQ+ stories.



We also recall the words of artist-activist Toni Cade Bambara (pictured below) in her work towards Black Liberation:

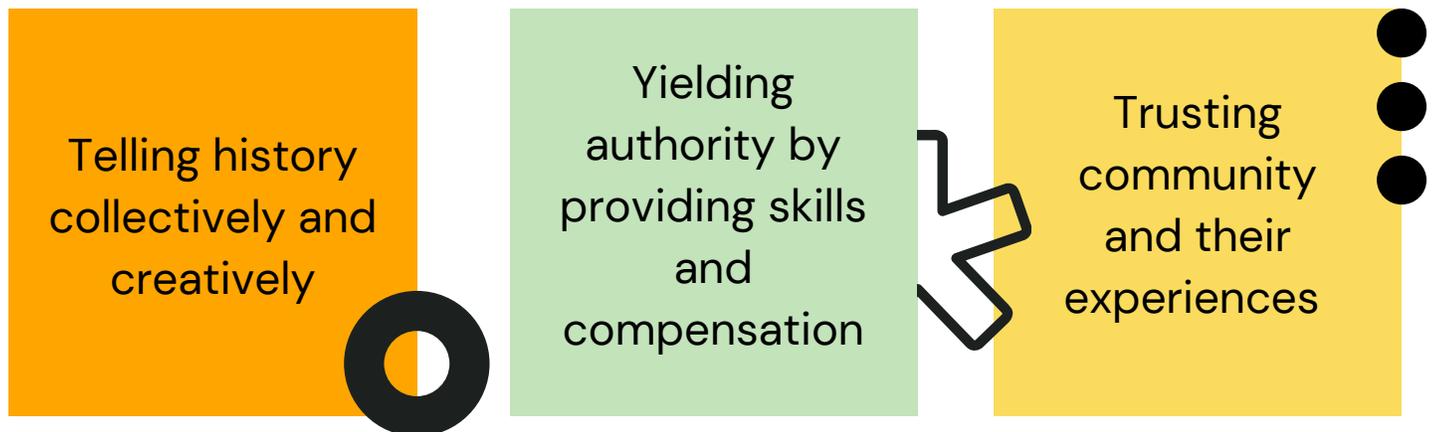


"The task of the artist is determined always by the status and process and agenda of the community that it already serves. [...] As a cultural worker who belongs to an oppressed people my job is to make revolution irresistible." (Bambara interviewed by Kay Bonetti, 1982)

OUR GOALS

Both art and history can be solitary practices. Some people are considered experts and respected, while others are left to the margins. Often those left out of places of authority are also those facing discrimination in some way, be it as the result of their race, ability, sexual orientation, gender presentation, or class. How can we break down barriers and bring people together to craft art and history collectively?

Some of the goals guiding this project are:



With that said, we want this project to be reciprocal – hopefully you'll be getting worth out of the project as much as we will! Participants will get an honorarium, new skills, information, and connection to community. CCGSD will get the chance to feature your section of the art piece – like a commissioned art piece attributed to its creator – and the opportunity to keep this journey going by encouraging more people to engage with 2SLGBTQ+ history through art!

WHAT'S NEXT?

You can expect four phases of the project that will span January 2022–March 2022:

1) application & delivery

Prospective participants will fill out an application via **Google Forms**. In this form, we'll ask you why you're interested in participating and confirm your contact and delivery info. Selected participants will then receive a standard package including:

 a thin, square, wooden panel
16" x 16" primed with gesso

 some resources,
 guidelines, and
 more

Selected participants will also receive an honorarium of \$450 as a cheque by mail. All participants will also be invited to a get-to-know each other Zoom event at the end of January .

2) learning

Once you've got your package, we'll send you **links to resources developed by local artists**. These resources will provide you with some tips and tricks from artists directly on how to create your panel.

You'll also receive **resources from CCGSD about where to find 2SLGBTQ+ stories in the past**. Feel free to share with us any specific interests so we can ease your search for a story that inspires you! We won't be providing any answers or truths, just the opportunity to learn more about 2SLGBTQ+ peoples across time on your own terms!

3) creation

You'll get **around one month to work on your section** of the art piece. As you work we'll ask you to fill out a **project Workbook**. This Workbook will ask you to reflect on:



We encourage you to think about your personal or organizational connections to 2SLGBTQ+ peoples in the past, present, and future – share with us the stories that stand out to you and why. Get creative, inventive, or cutting edge. Feel free to use any medium you like – fabrics, paint, pastel, marker, sculpture. We can't wait to see whatever you dream up! We'd also love to share pics and vids of your process on our social media – this will help us encourage others to engage with 2SLGBTQ+ community through art!

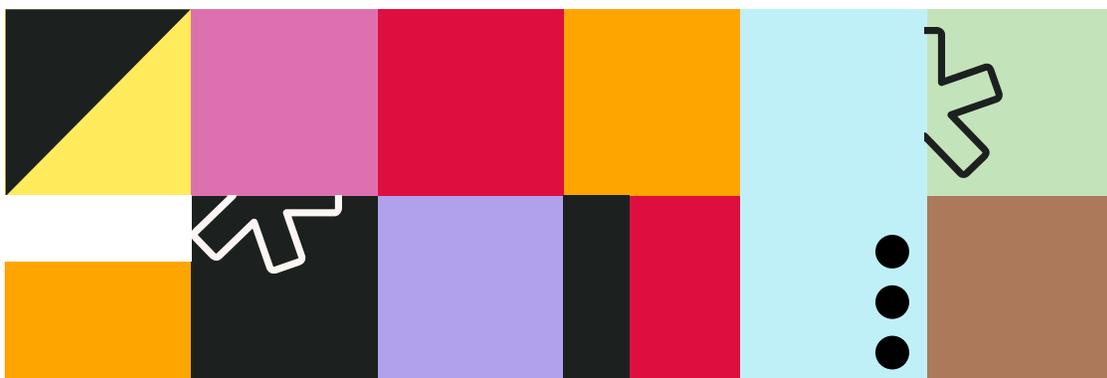
We'll expect your panel to be ready around one month after its delivery day. Once your panel is complete, we'll work out the exact time and day we'll drop by to pick it up. After we've received your panel and Workbook, we'll get ready to feature it on our social media and share your work!

AND AFTER?

Once we've collected your panel, we'll photograph your creation then group all the panels into one large art piece. In your Workbook, we'll also ask you for a kind of artist statement telling us about your final piece, but also about you and your work. You'll have the option to remain anonymous if you prefer.

We'll use the information you share with us to exhibit your panel digitally via social media and in-person *hopefully sometime soon.* These exhibitions will be focused on sharing your stories. We want to spark conversations about 2SLGBTQ+ people across time as a way to chart where we've been as well as where we still need to go! 2SLGBTQ+ community is diverse and intersectional and we plan to highlight the particular realities you or your organization may face!

Besides exhibiting the work, we also want model this project for others, especially youth. We think this could provide interesting ways to reevaluate how we teach art and history. So, we'll be working to create a toolbox for others who would like to do a project like this one and using this project as an example in classrooms and youth-focused settings.





CHAT SOON!



It's a complicated time and we still feel far apart from our local community, so we're excited by this opportunity to get to know you, highlight you, learn, and create with you. We'll be together in time! :)

We value your voice, so we're happy to accommodate what works best for you - if you've got ideas, questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out!

Our project coordinator, Emma will be happy to provide information at any moment throughout the project or help personalize the experience for you, via phone, zoom, or email.

Here's her contact info:

Emma Awe (she/they)

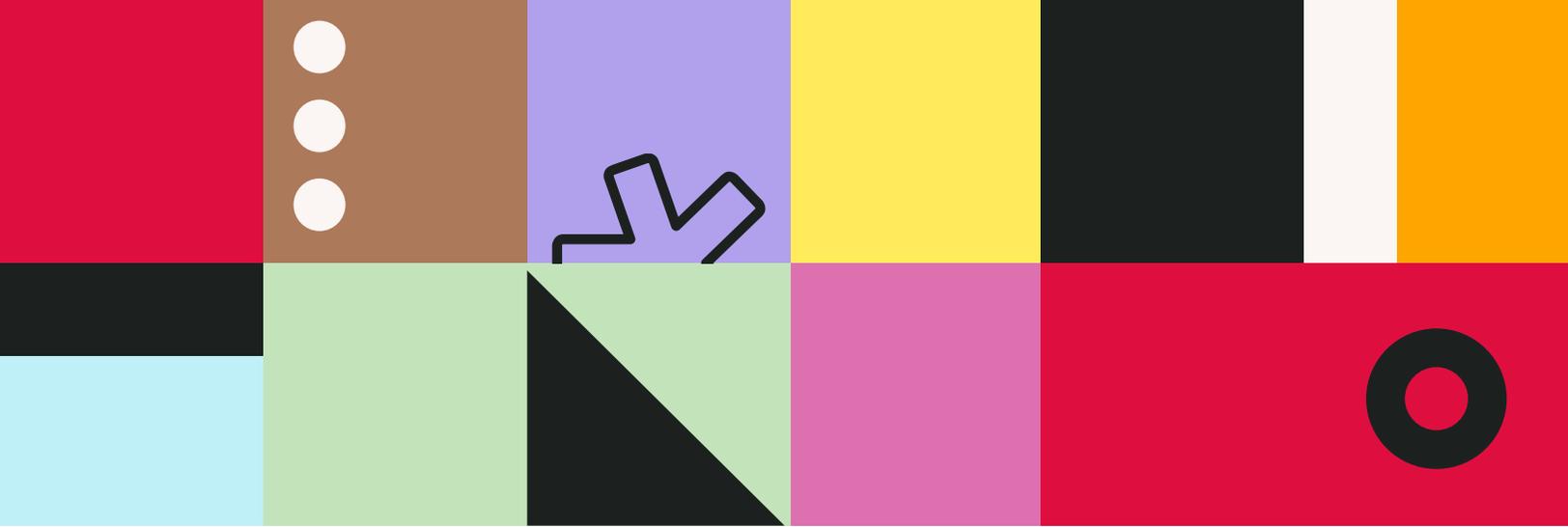
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**CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT
YOU CREATE!**





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