LA Commons

Community Arts & Cultural Engagement Intern

About LA Commons

Mission: Bring communities together through art, storytelling, cultural expression, and neighborhood-centered creative projects.

Vision: Connected neighborhoods where residents can express their stories, celebrate their cultural identities, and shape community life through the arts.

LA Commons is a Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization that uses community-centered arts programming to strengthen neighborhoods, amplify local voices, and celebrate the cultural richness of Los Angeles. Through public art, storytelling, cultural events, and collaborative projects, LA Commons creates opportunities for residents, artists, and young people to connect and contribute to their communities.

Position Overview

The Community Arts & Cultural Engagement Intern will support LA Commons in developing and implementing creative initiatives that connect residents, artists, youth, and community organizations.

This internship offers students hands-on experience in nonprofit arts administration, community organizing, cultural programming, and creative placemaking. Interns will explore how art and storytelling can promote community engagement, preserve cultural heritage, and strengthen neighborhood identity.

Working alongside LA Commons staff and community partners, the intern will contribute to meaningful projects that celebrate Los Angeles neighborhoods and elevate community voices.

Key Responsibilities

Community Engagement & Outreach

- Assist with outreach to residents, artists, youth, and community organizations.
- Support community meetings, workshops, and neighborhood cultural activities.
- Help develop outreach materials and strategies to increase participation in community arts initiatives.
- Build relationships with community stakeholders and support inclusive engagement efforts.

Arts & Cultural Programming

- Assist with planning and coordinating public art projects, cultural events, and community workshops.
- Support event logistics, including preparation, registration, materials, and participant coordination.
- Work with staff and local artists to support creative projects that reflect neighborhood histories and identities.
- Participate in documenting community arts activities and events.

Storytelling & Communications

- Assist with collecting community stories, interviews, photographs, and project highlights, with appropriate permissions.
- Support the development of social media content, newsletters, and promotional materials.
- Help document the impact of community arts projects through written narratives and visual storytelling.
- Contribute ideas for communicating the importance of arts and culture in community development.

Nonprofit Operations & Program Support

- Gain exposure to nonprofit program management, community partnerships, and arts administration.
- Assist with tracking participation, collecting feedback, and organizing program materials.
- Support basic research on community arts initiatives, neighborhood history, and potential partnerships.
- Participate in staff meetings and collaborative project planning.

Preferred Qualifications

- Current undergraduate student with an interest in sociology, communications, arts, nonprofit management, urban studies, or related fields.
- Strong communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills.
- Interest in community development, cultural equity, public art, and social justice.
- Ability to work collaboratively with people from diverse backgrounds.
- Creativity, flexibility, and willingness to participate in community-based activities.
- Familiarity with social media, photography, graphic design, or event planning is helpful but not required.

No previous nonprofit or arts administration experience is required.