
WHAT COULD A COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL DO FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

- Improve the quality of life
- Co-ordinate existing arts programs and organizations
- Develop long-term educational programs in dance, music, theatre, visual and literary arts
- Assist local artists in further developing their talent
- Animate overall interest and commitment to the arts
- Help to develop new arts organizations and facilities such as a community theatre group, a community choir, or an arts centre
- Present residents with the opportunity to take part in meaningful development activities that provide life skills
- Make your community a more attractive place to live in, move into and to stay in

WHO IS A COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL?

You are. A community arts council is made up of community residents who are interested in having a vibrant community and an improved quality of life for themselves and their families – People just

like you, who form volunteer Boards of Directors to stimulate participation in the arts in their community. Each community arts council is unique – as unique as the community it serves.

HOW DO YOU FORM A COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL?

Step 1 - **Find** a group of interested, energetic and like-minded individuals in the community and form a steering committee. This committee need not be large or experienced – just enthusiastic.

Step 2 - **Develop** a structure – this involves a constitution and an elected Board.

Step 3 - **Identify** needs in your community. For example: Do you have opportunities in your community to study music, dance, theatre, visual and literary arts? Do you have access to professional performances and exhibits?

Step 4 - **Start** working with your community to meet those identified needs.

WHO WILL HELP YOU GET STARTED?



The Manitoba Arts Network and its members are here to help communities like yours get started.

We provide:

- Personal consultation as to what a community arts council could do.
- Information on constitutions, funding and incorporation
- Consultation in developing a structure and long-range plans that will suit your community
- Mentoring and development opportunities
- Advice on who to go to for specific information and resources
- Additional resources through M.A.N.'s website www.communityarts.mb.ca

Needs vary from one community to another. A community arts council works towards long-term development of the arts in its community. Manitoba Arts Network (M.A.N.) works to assist councils in developing adequate funding, and systems of cooperation and communication, and provides mentorship programs.

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