

Makeshop Teaching Artist

A working artist and educator who works with the MAKESHOP team (Manager, Coordinator, Teaching Artists, Educators, volunteers) to develop and facilitate creative, iterative making experiences at the intersection of the digital and/or the physical with children, families, and organized groups.

Responsibilities:

- Monitors the need for repairs or maintenance for the exhibit and ensures safety by reporting to MAKESHOP Manager, Facilities Manager and Exhibits developers as needed
- Follows appropriate safety and security procedures and uses equipment and materials properly
- Oversees the preparation of supplies and materials for visitor and outreach use, with particular focus on Hosanna House programs
- Understands and is able to perform emergency procedures (e.g., fire evacuation, accident reporting)
- On-going planning, preparation, and reflection on MAKESHOP activities, especially as related to the area of specialty
- Creating and developing original content requiring innovative implementation and ideas Collaborates with MAKESHOP team to create making-centric experiences targeted towards Hosanna House campers and program attendees, family museum visitors, groups, facilitated and non-facilitated circumstances both on- and off-site, and teacher/professional development workshops

Job Requirements:

- Degree in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education, preferred
- Graduate degree in an appropriate field (e.g. fine art/craft, education, design, industrial design, interactive media design, etc.) preferred. Bachelor's degree in an appropriate field required. Substitution of years of experience in lieu of years of education may be considered, particularly as it relates to making and informal education, research, or family learning.
- Expertise or deep exploration in area(s) of making (fibers/sewing, wood/metal, interactive/digital) required
- This Teaching Artist role will be working closely with The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh to provide quality maker-focused programming for the school year, summer programming and in an after-school setting.
- To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. FBI, Acts 33 and 34 Clearances required and a current health assessment with TB.