

Community Workshops Internship

Project: *Beyond Memorial* by Emmanuel Oni. Commissioned by More Art

Location: East Harlem

Timeline: late March through end of June, 2023

Time commitment: 4-6 hours weekly for 12 weeks. Paid position.

Are you interested in public art? Passionate about social change? Join us in producing and documenting *Beyond Memorial* and get hands-on experience working directly with artists and communities while gaining insight into what it takes to implement a socially engaged art project.

Beyond Memorial is an art, design, and healing justice response to the invisible, yet palpable community scars left in spaces after gun violence and loss. For this opportunity, we are seeking someone to attend 6 weekly youth workshops with participants from several East Harlem NYCHA developments to prototype unconventional methods of remembrance, re-imagination, and resistance in public space. The workshops are being produced in collaboration with an East Harlem youth network community partner.

The 6-week workshop series will consist of 3 phases:

- Remembrance: listening sessions, site walks, community mapping
- Re-imagination: guest workshops by healing practitioners and artists, design ideation/exploration and trips to NYC public space inspirations
- Resistance: fabrication and temporary site installation to reclaim space(s); # determined by youth.

The culminating event will be an unveiling of several media-inspired light post/space element prototypes with an additional walking tour led by youth and community members in the program.

As an intern on this project, you will be tasked with assisting with and documenting the sessions and the process. This will involve gathering documentation in various mediums (audio, video, photo), writing reflections and summaries of activities, and assisting the artist, More Art, and Community partners in logistical tasks to make the workshops happen and create a safe space for participants.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Research, create, archive and organize assets, documentation, information, reflections, resources, partners, etc. for the project
- Help facilitate and organize logistical needs for the workshops (i.e. pickups/dropoffs of snacks and supplies, help with field trips, gather signed waiver forms)
- Observe and write reflections on each workshop

- Where possible (depending on participant permission and comfort), gather photo, audio, and video documentation and archive and organize - visual storytelling experience (Design, Marketing, Photography)
- Assist with project & participant evaluation and assessment, data collection and recording including audience numbers, demographics, and participation
- Teaching/Training experience a plus
- Flexible in a workshop setting
- A strong interest and/or activism in social justice issues is desirable
- Intro knowledge or willing to learn design tools (Canva, 3d modeling, Adobe Creative) a plus

This opportunity is open to undergrads, grad students, recent graduates, or professionals interested in collaborative design, public space, social work, community engagement, education, social justice, and social practice. Best suited for individuals who are familiar with and/or live in or close to East Harlem. The workshops will take place close to the Wagner NYCHA development.

Solid writing skills, knowledge of Google Workspace, attention to detail, and sensitivity to creating spaces of care are a must. Experience with photo, audio, or video documentation and/or editing programs is a plus.

Time Commitment: We are estimating a commitment of 5-6 hours weekly from late March through early June (approx 12 weeks). This includes weekly in person workshops from early April to late May (approx 3 hrs each). Plus virtual/at home work starting in late March writing and organizing documentation, answering emails, and attending meetings with More Art staff and the artist. There is an opportunity to extend the internship, if it is of interest, to flesh out documentation and reflections into articles and content to share on More Art's website, Medium blog, or social media.

Compensation: We are able to offer a stipend of \$1,350 for the time commitment outlined above.

How to apply: Please send a letter of interest in which you explain your interest and relationship to East Harlem and/or to the *Beyond Memorial* project goals and themes, and your CV to dylan@moreart.org. Apply ASAP—we will be accepting applications on a rolling basis until the position is filled, with priority attention given to applications received before **March 15, 2023 at 11:59 pm ET**.

+ About More Art

More Art is a non-profit arts organization that fosters collaborations between artists and communities to create thought-provoking public art and educational programs that inspire social justice.

Since 2004, More Art has worked with some of the world's most celebrated artists including Joan Jonas, Pablo Helguera, Dread Scott, Krzysztof Wodiczko, Ernesto Pujol, and Andres Serrano, to produce a wide range of artworks in public spaces that reflect the concerns and challenges of various NYC communities. Our projects amplify the voices of vulnerable and underrepresented New Yorkers, from all ages and backgrounds, in order to speak truth to power about social and political issues affecting their lives.