

A Sampling of Questions for a Community Questionnaire

Government

Who is your Mayor? City Manager? City Councillors?

Do you have allies in municipal government who are aware of your organization and understand the value of the arts to the community? Who are they?

Is there a particular city councillor who has demonstrated interest in.. youth issues? ...senior issues? ...civic inclusion issues?

Is there a civic or community agency dedicated to community-wide planning? If so, who are the leaders? Is anyone involved in this effort active in your organization?

Schools

Does your school board have an arts division with paid staff? Who runs it?

Are there board members on your school board (s) who have demonstrated interest in the role of the arts in schools?

Are there private or parochial schools in your community? Do they have arts programs? Who is in charge of them?

Who are your area public school music teachers? Choral directors? Theatre teachers? Theatre directors? Art teachers? Dance teachers? Video/film teachers?

Who are the leaders of local Parent/Teacher organizations? Are any of them in your organization?

Non Profit/Community organizations

What are the library, social service agencies and health agencies and organizations in your community? Whom do they serve? Who is in charge?

Who leads the local United Way chapter or runs a neighbourhood association?

How are members of the culture specific, economically disadvantaged or deaf and disability communities served by organizations in your community?

Business Community

Who is on the board of the local Chamber of Commerce? Is anyone on the board connected to your organization (as a board member, volunteer, or audience member)?

What other local business associations are in your community? Is anyone associated with them connected to your organization?

What are the businesses who support local arts in your community? Who is in charge of those relationships within that business?

What are the businesses who support local youth recreation activities in your community? Who is in charge of those relationships within those businesses?

What are the businesses who support other local social infrastructure (eg health or other community services)?

Who are the largest for-profit employers in your community? Do any of your board members or volunteers work for them?

Arts Community

What local arts organizations are in your community? Who is in charge of community relations or arts education? Who is their key spokesperson?

Are there local arts service organizations in your community?

Are their private art, dance or music schools/ teachers working in your community? Who are they?

Are their fine arts clubs in your area (painting, sculpture, etc)? Are any of the board or volunteers in your organization also involved in them?

Are there community theatres or choirs in your community? Who leads them?

Religious Community

Which religions are represented in your community? Who are the leaders of the religious institutions?

Do any of them have music or other arts involved in worship? Who are the choir leaders? Music Directors? Organists? Pianists? Other musicians? Other artists?