



Creative Aging and Art Therapy for Senior Citizens

Resource Schedule

National Center for Creative Aging: <https://creativeaging.org/> This organization provides support for artists and elder care organizations interested in furthering their efforts to provide arts programming for a myriad of aging populations.

The Global Aging Network: <http://globalageing.org/> This site not only provides resources, but also offers an extensive Research Clearinghouse that provides situational outcomes and best practice outlines. Often they offer grant and funding resources.

Alzheimer's Foundation of America: <https://alzfdn.org/education-resource-center/> This organization provides articles associated with successfully designing interactions with artists who have Dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Expressive Arts Workshop: <https://www.expressiveartworkshops.com/> One can find pre-tested activity ideas and approaches to encourage individuals to participate in arts programming.

Lifetime Arts: <https://www.lifetimearts.org/about/resources/> This organization has an immense amount of research that is assistive in convincing potential collaborators that creative aging programs are beneficial.

Golden Cares: <https://www.goldencarers.com/> This is one of the best sites for finding visual art projects that are appropriate for aging artists.

Aging Care: <https://www.agingcare.com/> This resource provides many ideas for movement programs associated with the elderly. There are some wonderful ideas for dance activities.

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For understanding the veteran experience

- "Tribe" by Sebastian Junger

For developing a baseline level of military/veteran cultural competency:

- PsychArmor: Courses for volunteers and nonprofits who support veterans

For understanding national efforts to engage veterans through the arts:

- National Initiative for Arts & Health in the Military: Arts, Health, & Well-being Across the Military Continuum; Creative Forces: NEA Military Healing Arts Network

For finding veterans arts initiatives near you:

- National Initiative for Arts & Health in the Military: National Initiative Directory
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Want to stay in contact or learn more about the work? Here's how!

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"Education is a site for creating collectively and developing human and social potential, not simply acquiring or depositing information."

Tania Brugera

"Prisons function ideologically as an abstract site into which undesirables are deposited, relieving us of the responsibility of thinking about the real issues afflicting those communities from which prisoners are drawn in such disproportionate numbers ... It relieves us of the responsibility of seriously engaging with the problems of our society."

Angela Davis, Are Prisons Obsolete?

A few examples of powerful criminal justice art & advocacy work

performingstatistics.org

solitarygardens.org

p-nap.org

Nationwide organizations doing work around mass incarceration

vera.org

sentencingproject.org

prisonpolicy.org

justleadershipusa.org

prisonactivist.org

innocenceproject.org

Organizations working directly with schools and prisons

peteygreene.org

insideoutcenter.org

Resources

amplifier.org

springboardforthearts.org

usdac.us

asocialpractice.com

theprisonartscoalition.com

Who is doing complimentary work in your area? Who would make a good partner?

Resources for work with Special Needs Populations

NB: there is an abundance of resources on the internet about work in special ed; the ones listed below are ones that I have personally been involved with and thus can recommend from experience

VSA (Very Special Arts) The International Organization on Arts and Disability; based in Washington DC, The Kennedy Center. They have affiliates in many states (in this area those states are Delaware, Virginia, NYC). They offer excellent conferences and webinars.

<http://education.kennedy-center.org/>

EASE (Everyday Arts for Special Education)

www.easelms.urbanarts.org

You may gain access to an ongoing site with classroom teacher feedback and adaptations, discussions, classroom videos and interactive platforms by writing to Stefanie Singer (stefanie@urbanarts.org)

SchoolTalk.

Sarah Grime, Program Director

<http://www.schooltalkdc.org/>

RDIconnect (Relationship Development Intervention)

<https://www.rdiconnect.com/>

edweb

A Professional Online Community for Educators; one professional community on this site, "Teaching Students with Autism," offers excellent webinars

<https://home.edweb.net/>

Arts for All Abilities Consortium

<http://www.artsspecialled.org/>

Developmental Delay Resources (DDR)

<http://www.devdelay.org/>

UDL (Universal Design for Learning)

<http://www.cast.org/>

on-site classroom observation – this is the best resource of all.

Teaching is a kinesthetic activity in any case; to see it *in action* in a special ed classroom, where one of a teacher's primary tools, language, is not always the key to reaching the students, is worth a thousand articles, lectures, theories.
