

## Artist-in-Residence 2024 Women's Mental Health Shelter at the Park Avenue Armory and Older Adult Centers

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, widely recognized as one of New York's premier human services providers, is a 130 year-old settlement house that provides an extensive array of effective and integrated services—social, educational, legal, health, housing, mental health, nutritional and fitness—which significantly improve the lives of 16,000 people in need each year, ages 3 to 103, on the East Side of Manhattan. Our clients include older adults, homeless and formerly homeless adults, children and families, recent immigrants, disabled persons, adult learners and more. For more information on Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, please visit lenoxhill.org and check us out on Instagram.

The Neighborhood House's core, historic services include diverse programs for Older Adults, a nationally recognized Early Childhood Center, Homelessness and Housing programs, *The Teaching Kitchen® at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House*, Adult Education, Art Therapy, Visual and Performing Arts, Fitness and Aquatics and more.

This spring, we have an opening for an **Artist-in-Residence** for our Women's Mental Health Shelter and Older Adult Centers. Located on the Upper East Side of Manhattan in the historic mixed-used Park Avenue Armory, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House's Women's Mental Health Shelter is a 24-hour program that addresses the critical issues facing 80 homeless women, age 45 and over, who have histories of mental illness. Our talented, multi-disciplinary team helps clients to transition from homelessness to permanent housing. Lenox Hill Neighborhood House also operates two Older Adult Centers, the Center @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House and the Older Adult Center @ Saint Peter's Church, serving adults 60 and older from diverse backgrounds and abilities residing in New York City. Our Visual and Performing Arts Department provides collaborative interdisciplinary arts instruction within these programs.

We are seeking an **Artist-in-Residence** to work directly with clients at the Women's Mental Health Shelter and our Older Adult Centers to develop a series of art pieces that reflect and are influenced by our clients' experiences. For twelve weeks this spring/summer, the **Artist-in-Residence** will lead art-making workshops with clients and will have their work and the work produced in these workshops featured in an art show at the conclusion of the residency.

## Qualifications

The ideal candidate for **Artist-in-Residence** is an artist who is intentional and thoughtful in engagement and building rapport with clients/communities. We are seeking an artist who works in a 2-dimensional medium (collage, drawing, painting with non-oil-based or encaustic-based pigments, photography).

This artist will be a lead facilitator in creating an inclusive space for artmaking and will work with our full-time Visual Arts team. This residency would be ideal for an artist who is currently working under the umbrella of social practice art or racial justice, has a passion for community building and is able to adaptively work with individuals who attend classes with a wide range of interests and abilities.

The residency will take place from **April – July 2024** and the artist will be expected to be onsite three days a week, leading seven-eight artmaking workshops weekly and working in our studio space. In addition to a stipend of \$5,000 for this residency, a stipend will be provided for all material costs.

## To Apply:

Interested applicants should submit a resume, an Artist Statement (500 words max) including your interest in working with our Women's Shelter and Older Adult Center clients, 5-6 work samples and a list of two references to <a href="mailto:swalko@lenoxhill.org">swalko@lenoxhill.org</a>. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. No telephone calls please.

At Lenox Hill Neighborhood House we value respect, diversity and integrity. We are an equal opportunity employer. Lenox Hill Neighborhood House prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type and affords equal employment opportunities to employees and applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law. Lenox Hill Neighborhood House conforms to the spirit as well as to the letter of all applicable laws and regulations. The policy of equal employment opportunity (EEO) and anti-discrimination applies to all aspects of the relationship between Lenox Hill Neighborhood House and its colleagues.

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House is a client-facing and essential community-serving organization. To keep our clients and our colleagues safe, and to comply with various governmental contractual requirements, all new employees must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 including booster dose (except where valid medical exemptions apply) and will be required to submit proof prior to the time of onboarding.