



One Lawndale Arts & Activism Incubator



Portraits by Amajay Smith

APL Archivists & Artists

Hello Community! OLAAI has LOVED our Activism Project of Lawndale's (APL) inaugural youth cohort experience with 10 Lawndalians. We've been building and researching, discussing and creating with new friends these past two months and it has been dope. A whirlwind of finding our way, staying connected, rooting in Lawndale's history, mapping our lived experiences and archiving our ideas and stories in our own special ways.

Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) centers what kids want, need & are interested in changing so as we grow their contributions to the One Lawndale Youth Archive, we all construct history, and create change together! Stay tuned.

We are so GRATEFUL to sponsors and funders who allowed us to learn from and with the brilliance of this group of young archivists & activists working towards One Lawndale. And big thanks to Kaleb Germinaro (UIC) for his amazing research support.

Big News: Community Event!

Join OLAAI & core partners— New Life, The Firehouse Community Art Center, NLCCC Arts Committee & Open Center for the Arts— at
One Lawndale Unity Dinner & Youth Showcase on April 26th, at Starling 3243 W. 16th Street.
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The flyer features a header with logos for Open Center for the Arts, New Life Centers, Healing Illinois, The Firehouse Community Art Center, and NLCCC. Below the logos is a photo of a diverse group of young people. The main title reads "ONE LAWDALE UNITY DINNER & YOUTH SHOWCASE". The event details are: "5:00 TO 8:00 PM SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH" and "AT STARLING, 3243 W. 16TH". A central text box says: "Come out, see & celebrate work from the youth cohort of the ARTIVISM PROJECT OF LAWDALE". Below this, it states: "We will learn from the youth, break bread and engage in community dialogue about the past, present & future of One Lawndale." To the left of this text is a QR code and the text "RSVP now!". Below the QR code, it says: "GUESTS ARE INVITED TO SHARE A PERSONAL LAWDALE STORY TO ADD TO OUR AUDIO ARCHIVE!". The RSVP link is: "RSVP: <https://forms.gle/yw4CTjaAfh9HVuSF7>". At the bottom right, it says: "For more info, contact cecily@onelawndalearts.org". The bottom of the flyer is decorated with a floral arrangement and logos for UIC and OLAAI.

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Healing Illinois

THE FIREHOUSE COMMUNITY ART CENTER

NLCCC North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council

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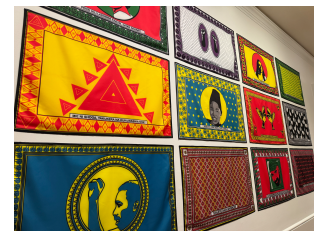
OLAAI thanks **Amajay Smith** for
serving as a high school Intern from
Bennett Day Academy!

He helped with social media, project
management, created APL portraits
and supported partner engagement.
He made a crucial “One Lawndale”
map for our APL students to
document their “folded Lawndale”
experiences on both sides of Cermak!

We will miss you, Jay, but know we
will see you in Lawndale soon.

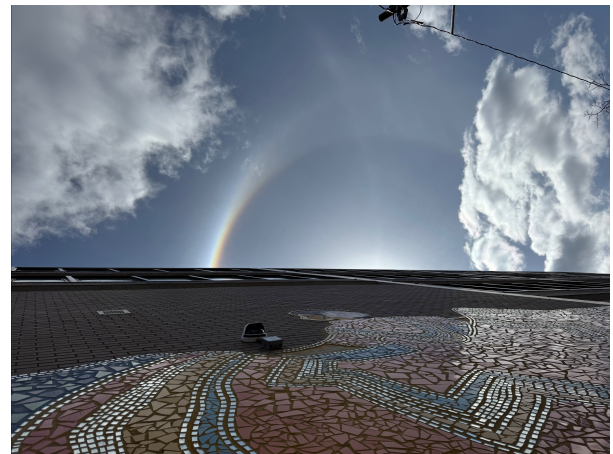
Visiting “Project a Black Planet”

Big thanks to SAIC Homan Square’s Jaclyn Jacunski and Pastor Reshorna Fitzpatrick from Stone Temple for organizing a community visit to the Art Institute of Chicago. It was great to be in community with so many Lawndalians there, plus Elis (my daughter) loved seeing such powerful art works and learning from them.



Visiting Farragut

New Life holds art-based lunch space for youth at Farragut Career Academy IB World School via the Heart Project. An earlier accomplishment this year was their beautiful mural in the school library. Thanks to Hector Lopez (NL) for hosting us and doing that great work!



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Women's Month: Let's Keep Marching!



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