



One Lawndale Arts & Activism Incubator

Hello Community!

We are happy to share some highlights of the momentum of OLAAI over this past month. Yesterday I had the chance to attend a Public Allies Chicago event where I got feedback: the idea behind OLAAI is a beautiful seed. An HEIRLOOM SEED.

While there is so much to say about the mud of this period of time, and I have struggled to find words for inspiration or comfort, I find digging into the work of OLAAI to be an antidote to grief.

Watering the heirloom seed and watching it grow has been incredibly healing! And doing so together with educators, builders and fellow gardeners is nourishing as well.

If you too want to step into the flow, please consider filling out this [survey](#) (3 mins!) and we will reach out.

501(c)3 Tax Exempt Status Achieved

One Lawndale Arts & Activism incubator officially achieved 501(c)3 tax exempt status this month!

Big thanks to [\(Un\) Learning Space](#) and to founder Lydia Mercer for coaching me through the journey for a successful and speedy submission and approval process.

Donations received at OLAAI since August 5th, 2024 are officially tax exempt under the law; 100% of all funds power the launch of our youth cohort of APL in January. Thank you to ALL who have donated. It means so much.

Our Seed Campaign is underway so please hit the donate button on the OLAAI [WEBSITE](#) (scroll down page)!

One Lawndale Arts & Activism Incubator **FEIN#: 99-4288801**



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OLAAL needs your support

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Artivism Project of Lawndale

We are SO EXCITED to finalize our youth cohort for this youth participatory action research project aimed at both creating a One Lawndale Youth Archive, and an arts- and activism-landscape assessment for Lawndale.

We still seek residents of Lawndale aged 14-19 interested in racial healing, solidarity and speaking up for social change to apply through the QR code below or **CLICK HERE**

Project location will be at Theatre Y @ 3611 W. Cermak

APL Application closes December 6th. Help spread the word today!

ONE LAWNDALE OLAAI ARTS & ACTIVISM INCUBATOR

Artivism Project of Lawndale

We are looking for **ten** 14 to 19 year old Lawndale residents who are interested in working on a **paid action research project**.

The project will center your voice and feature:

- **Youth-led discussions** about the Lawndale community's history, present and future and what to do about it
- **Pairing up with another partner** from the project to do community research on arts and activist resources in Lawndale
- A **January to March 2025 timeline**; exact times/dates to be determined
- **Weekly participation is required**; in-person meetings to be held centrally in Lawndale
- **\$500 stipend** for participants who complete the project

We're looking for young people who:

- **Care about their community and want to make it better**
- Are interested in participating in open discussions and building racial solidarity in their communities
- Are **consistent** and show up for the project

Scan QR code today to apply! Application **CLOSSES Dec 6, 2024**
Onelawndalearts.com



Many new collaborations are

sprouting up

Learning and planning youth participatory action research with UIC Assistant Professor Kaleb Germinaro has been amazing! He is teaching a youth participatory action research course in January and we love the synchronicity between his work and the OLAAI Artivism Project to Lawndale planning that is underway. To date, we have interested students from Ombudsman West High School & Farragut Career Academy IB World School, and seek additional Latiné applicants, so please spread the word!

Together we are launching the Artivism of Lawndale Project in January 2025.
We can't wait to see what the youth cohort will achieve!

OLAAI connects

Wonderful to hear from Lawndale's Khalil Mosely, SAIC Homan Square Public Ally at the Kickback with PAC.

We loved catching up with Kassey Esparza & Bianca Cotton of [Public Allies Chicago](#) leadership team to dream of future collaboration!



We look forward to connecting with you.



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