

Wednesday, Jan. 8

ANNUAL CONVENING

Sept. 10 - 11

Denver, Colorado



We would love your feedback as we plan for the 2025 Annual Convening! This year's convening will be in Denver, Colorado from Sept. 10-11. Please take a moment to fill out this [survey](#) that asks about what questions, topics, focus areas and formats that resonate most with you. This feedback will inform the planning and programming for the 2025 event.

Systems Leader Network

Does your work focus on collective impact or systems change? AEP is looking for leaders whose work focuses on systems change in arts education to join our new [Systems Leader Network](#)! This includes working to understand and change institutional behaviors, public attitudes, cultural norms, policy decisions or resource allocation to support equitable access to excellent arts learning.

This group will meet regularly via Zoom and provide a chance for leaders to share and get feedback on issues specific to their work. The first meeting will be on **Thursday, Feb. 13**, led by Nicole Upton from Ingenuity and Wendy Liscow from Arts Ed NJ. Fill out this [form](#) if you're interested in joining the network!

Check Out AEP's 2025 Advisory Council!

We are excited to announce AEP's 2025 **Advisory Council**. We are thankful to the organizations on our Advisory Council that help guide, inform and direct the outreach and mission of AEP throughout the year.

News From Our Partners and Affiliates

AAAE Call for Mentees

The Association of Arts Administration Educators seeks mentees for its **mentorship program**. Participants will work on individual goals through one-on-one meetings over a ten-month period. Examples of successful mentor-mentee partnerships may include, but are not limited to:

- Navigating the job market in arts administration, education or the creative workforce.
- Transitioning to arts administration education from other adjacent disciplines or from the arts administration practice.
- Developing a new course and syllabus.
- Honing research skills and qualifications in arts leadership and arts management.

Applications are due **Feb. 3**.

Creative Aging Initiative Grant

The New Jersey Council on the Arts released its guidelines for the **Creative Aging Initiative Grant**. This grant provides funding to eligible arts organizations, libraries, veterans homes, senior and community centers, colleges/universities, and units of government to cover costs for arts learning experiences with New Jersey older adults aged 55 and over. Successful applicants will receive \$10,000 of funding for each year of the two-year grant cycle, pending available resources.

Applications are due **Feb. 27**.

Boston Public Schools Arts Expansion Grants

EdVestors recently opened three **BPS Arts Expansion Grant** opportunities:

1. School Arts Index Grants to increase access to quality arts education as measured by the BPS School Arts Index.
2. Career-Connected Learning Grants to increase or enhance access to quality arts career learning opportunities in grades 7-12.
3. Individual Arts Educator Grants to support BPS certified arts teachers and teaching artists by building their artistic practice.

Join an **Information Session** on **Jan. 23**. Applications are due **Feb. 27**.

News From the Field

The Impact of Generative AI in Education

In **One Year Later: The Impact of Generative AI in Education**, Alina Lehtinen-Vela explores the experiences of 1,109 educators with AI in the classroom. Among many takeaways, the article reports that:

"Nationally, 32% of educators are hesitant to fully integrate AI without formal guidance, while 39% report a lack of any formal AI guidance whatsoever in their schools. This highlights a need for clear policies regarding AI use in classrooms, as well as more guidance and training on how to use AI effectively and ethically in an educational setting."



Check out these ArtsEd Amplified posts to learn more about what our community is working on!

- **An Easy Way to Bring Art & SEL Outcomes to Your Students** by Bethany Logan
- **Find Connection With AEP's Partnership Directory** by Krystal Johnson
- **Announcing our Strategic Pause for ArtsEdSearch** by Mary Dell'Erba

Are you eager to share your work with others? **Submit your idea** for ArtsEd Amplified!

Events

- **2025 ASTA National Conference** | American String Teachers Association, March 19-22, Atlanta, GA
 - **ABLE Assembly** | Berklee College of Music, April 11-13, 2025, Boston, MA
 - **AAM Annual Meeting and MuseumExpo** | American Alliance of Museums, May 6-9, 2025, Los Angeles, CA
 - **2025 AAE Conference** | Association of Arts Administration Educators, May 22-25, 2025 Pittsburgh, PA
 - **2025 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference** | The Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM, July 8-9, 2025, Baltimore, MD
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Career Opportunities

FYI: to support and encourage **equitable hiring practices**, AEP only includes career opportunities that include a salary/compensation in the job posting.

Northeast

- **Director of Education** | Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, NJ

South

- **Executive Director of Programming and Production** | Forest Forward, Dallas, TX

West

- **Community Arts Coordinator** | City of Carlsbad, Carlsbad, CA

- **Director of Communications, Content and Digital Strategies** | San Diego Symphony Orchestra, San Diego CA
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Did you know? A 2012 study documented a "leadership for social justice" class for educators. Participants demonstrated increased critical consciousness and deepened empathic responses. Participants also reported greater understanding of themselves and others through the process of making art as critical self-examination. Read more at

<https://ow.ly/k23q50UABI2> | [#ArtsEdSearch](#)

Have news to share?

Please submit a 100-word summary via **email**.

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