

# AEP Virtual Gathering

## The Role of the Arts in Reopening Schools: A Group Discussion

### Presenters

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### Session Description

This session will be a facilitated conversation on the strategies different communities are taking to maximize the role of the arts as we reopen schools. The goal of our time together is to share and listen so that we can each become stronger actors in our own communities. We will focus our time on developing answers to the following questions: 1) What are the issues that teachers, schools and systems are going to be facing with school reopenings? 2) In what ways, if any, can the arts address each of those concerns? and 3) What actions do arts education educators, leaders and administrators need to take in order to ensure that our communities are maximizing the positive benefits of the arts and creative teaching in these circumstances?

### Learning Objectives

The goals of this sharing session are:

- To create a space of connection, where we can feel hopeful and be productive.
- To use the creativity and wisdom of the group to generate ideas for keeping the arts central as our schools reopen.
- For participants to consider what is obsolete, what can be reformed and what must be reimaged in our work moving forward.

### Session Outline and Summary

- Welcome, Introductions
- Agreements and Agenda
- Small Group Discussion 1
- Embodied Processing: Statues
- Small Group Discussion 2
- Closing

## **Supplemental Materials**

[Google slide deck.](#)