



ThriveCollective.org



**PUBLIC ART  
TRANSFORMS**  
RESET EXPECTATIONS



**DISCOVER YOUR  
OWN RHYTHM**  
MADE TO BE PLAYED



**HARNESS THE  
POWER OF STORY**  
TOYS TO TOOLS

# CREATE WITH US



## Bring Art Back: Eradicate Artless Education

Bring Art Back is about justice. We can't imagine a world without visual or performing arts, music or film, or any expression at all. And neither can you. Yet we sentence a quarter of a million mostly low-income New Yorkers to an artless education everyday. Together, we can eradicate this injustice within three years by connecting artists, volunteers, and youth workers with local schools as teaching artists, art directors, and mentors. Project based learning integrates life and art skills, as students cultivate a shared vision and bring that vision to life.

Thrive Collective  
creates hope and  
opportunity  
through arts and  
mentoring in public  
schools.



## Champion the Cause

There are three ways you can help champion the cause. Visit [ThriveCollective.org](http://ThriveCollective.org) today to get started.

# GIVE

Your contributions support project based learning and accredited curriculum that integrate life and art skills through in-school electives, after school clubs, seasonal intensives, and weekend community mural programs.

# SHOP

When you wear, give, or use exclusive Bring Art Back merchandise, you represent the movement. Proceeds from each purchase goes directly towards supporting the arts in schools.

# DO

Help us spread the word about #BringArtBack! Advocate on behalf of children we rob of access. Volunteer on a mural, mentor a student, help us fundraise, raise awareness, and petition your local officials.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Art Skills: Helpful, but not Required

Your time is valuable. You volunteer because you have something beautiful to offer the world. You want to make a difference. That's why we match our volunteers to opportunities where you'll add the most value. We promise to never give busy work.

Thrive's volunteers empower students to create masterpiece lives as they beautify the world around them. Our collaborative teams embrace student-led public art as a vehicle for awareness, change, and wrap-around supports necessary for all NYC students and schools to thrive – without exception or condition.

Specialized volunteers are always needed. Email [info@thrivecollective.org](mailto:info@thrivecollective.org) for details. Regular volunteer opportunities include:

- ✓ **School Murals.** Help prep, paint, and protect schoolyard murals up to 1,500 square feet. Saturdays and many school days, April - June and September - October.
- ✓ **School Mural Intensives.** Help paint community murals in July and August.
- ✓ **Murals, Media, Music and Mentors.** Guest artists and professionals conduct workshops, demonstrations, and facilitate discrete projects



with students. School days, October - May.

- ✓ **After School.** Help staff after school arts clubs. October - May.
- ✓ **Mentors.** Mentor middle or high school students. October - June.

***"Projects like this turn good schools into great schools and good kids into great students."***  
**- Teresa Dovi, Principal**  
**PS 102 (Brooklyn)**

## SEEKING PURPOSEFUL ADULTS

Do you live, work, or worship within fifteen minutes of a public middle or high school? If so, consider School Mentors. We improve educational and life outcomes for public middle and/or high school students by matching them with purposeful adults for yearlong, school-based life and vocational mentoring.

Through small group mentoring during dinner two or three times a month, School Mentors teaches responsible citizenship while cultivating character and life skills, educational and career options, and professional relationships and networks. Current opportunities at seven schools in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens.

