



## Victoria's Artist in Residence Invites Youth to Participate in Focus Group

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VICTORIA, BC — City of Victoria Artist in Residence Kathryn Calder is launching a Youth Focus Group; an opportunity for youth to gain leadership experience and offer input on local arts programming.

The Youth Focus Group will provide advice to Kathryn during her term as Artist in Residence, and help develop three major projects including: a youth busking space, song writing and professional development workshops, and a music and arts space for youth.

To be considered for this group, youth ages 14-24 are encouraged to apply online by **Monday, March 16 at 8 a.m.** Members must live in the Capital Regional District and attend regular monthly meetings. Successful applicants will be accepted based on their interest in empowering youth through music. Some musical ability is recommended but not necessary.

The Artist in Residence program is embedded in the City's planning process, providing a unique creative and collaborative approach to enhance the value and aesthetic appeal of upcoming capital projects in Victoria, while broadening the community's involvement in the arts.

Kathryn Calder is a Victoria-based musician, songwriter, recording artist and recording studio owner that was selected as the City's Artist in Residence in 2019. Kathryn's professional experience in Victoria's music industry aligns with the City's Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan, which identifies the need to build on Victoria's diverse and active music scene by positioning Victoria as a "Music City."

Read more about the Artist in Residence program: [victoria.ca/publicart](https://victoria.ca/publicart)

**ATTACHMENT:**

Kathryn Calder, Victoria's Artist in Residence

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