

Spring 2024 Programs

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School Vacation Programs

World of Wonder II

(Ages 11–18)

Monday, Feb 26 – Friday, March 1
10am – 3:30pm || Portsmouth, NH

Bring your visual art and performing chops to this week of developing a unique character and their imagined world. We'll be using set design, costuming, prop making, music, and performing to explore your character's whole world, from voice to vibe.

Animalia! (Ages 11–13)

Monday, April 22 – Friday, April 26

10am – 3:30pm || Portsmouth, NH

Let your creativity run wild at this mixed media program inspired by the creatures who bring us so much joy: animals! We'll use painting, drawing, and sculpture techniques to create paw-sitively delightful artful tributes to the critters we love. Animalia! culminates in a month-long gallery exhibition at PMAC in Portsmouth.

AIR Artists - Ages 14-18

Swift Tailors

Tuesdays from March 19 – May 14

4pm – 6:30pm || Portsmouth, NH

Designed for teens who've completed 2+ years of the Wild Imaginings Project program or who are proficient with the sewing machine, this program provides space for self-directed projects, enhancing sewing skills through advanced techniques like pattern-making and tailoring. Benefit from a professional sewist mentor and peer feedback sessions to refine your craft.

Wild Imaginings Project

Thursdays from March 21 – May 16

4pm – 6:30pm || Portsmouth, NH

Join us to transform secondhand clothing into fabulous, sustainable fashion. Build skills in screen printing, patching, basic sewing embroidery, and block printing techniques to create an ultimate couture look.

Project AIR - Ages 15-19

Threads of Change

Weekly sessions on Mondays or Fridays

4pm – 6:30pm || Portsmouth, NH

Fashion a new future that addresses the environmental & labor injustices of the fast fashion industry through a blend of fun and collaboration. Embracing our roles as leaders, we'll strategically explore ways to leverage our knowledge and skills in clothing sustainability to positively impact our community. Dates will be finalized in collaboration with registrants.

Questions?
Please email
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Ready to register?
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ArtVentures - Ages 11-13

S.P.A.R.C. Lab

Tuesdays from

March 19 – May 14

4pm – 6:30pm || Portsmouth, NH

Stitch, Patch, Accessorize, and Repurpose Clothing. Learn simple methods to upcycle & revamp your threads! Then slay the runway in an unconventional fashion show on May 17.





98% of AIR teens graduate high school, 25% higher than their peers



75% of alumnae pursue post-secondary education, compared to 55% of NH teens



55% of alumnae volunteer, while only 35% of all NH residents volunteer and 17% of peers volunteer nationally



"AIR made me a strong woman, a woman who isn't afraid to pursue my dreams, to ask for what I want. It made me a compassionate human."

-Liz, AIR Alumna

WHO WE ARE

Arts In Reach (AIR) offers free arts programming for girls and gender-expansive youth ages 11-18.

AIR programs are experiential, teen-driven, and collaborative. They focus on building a supportive and inclusive community for teens to make friends, explore their creativity with the guidance of professional teaching artists, and take safe risks through the arts.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

AIR creates a safe and inclusive community that welcomes and values differences in ability, culture, ethnicity, gender expression, personal experience, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

OUR PROGRAMS

AIR programs are designed for two age groups, ArtVentures for ages 11-13 and AIR Artists for ages 14-18. There are also additional workshops and field trips designed for all of our teens. Programs change each year to allow us to provide a variety of artistic mediums that are relevant and engaging to Seacoast teens.

WHY AIR?

NH teen mental health is a crisis, especially for teen girls and gender-expansive youth, and mental health resources for youth are scarce. Wealthy inequality continues to challenge the Seacoast, and suicide and substance abuse numbers are steadily climbing for teens.

AIR strives to ensure that teens have opportunities to grow personally and professionally through barrier-free access to high-quality arts programming and inclusive mentoring. Connecting with each other and their community, they are able to gain skills, relationships, and the hope they need to thrive.

