**Volunteerism in the Arts**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Volunteers _build capacity._ Without their support, many public art galleries in Ontario would be unable to fulfil their mandates.

- Motivation for volunteering includes making a contribution to your community, networking, and an _improved sense of well-being._

- Through this work, volunteers indicate that they acquire interpersonal skills (69%), and feel _more successful_ in their paid job (59%).

_Attendance matters! Art gallery visitors are significantly more likely to volunteer than those who have never attended before. (50% vs. 31%)***

**What is the Impact of Volunteers?**

- **Sector growth**

  Arts and culture volunteers contribute, on average, _120 hours a year_, more than volunteers in any other type of organizations, including healthcare.***

- **Time**

  Approximately _900,000 Canadians contributed 107 million hours_ to arts and culture organizations in 2013.***

- **Value**

  Canadian volunteer contributions are valued at nearly _$1.9 billion_, equivalent to _56,000 jobs_.***

**OAAG Recommendations**

OAAG recognizes that volunteers provide integral support to public art galleries and arts organizations in communities across Ontario. Therefore, the importance of those who dedicate their time to sustaining culture needs to be acknowledged and celebrated. Organizations and governments must provide support for volunteers, and put policies in place that will ensure that the volunteer experience is positive and enriching.
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ADDITIONAL READINGS


REFERENCES


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