

Group Leader
Part-time position
Bronx, New York



We are looking for dedicated Group Leaders who will work for Young Audiences New York at our Community School in The Bronx, New York. Young Audiences New York has been selected as the lead Community Based Organization (CBO) for a multi-year 21st Century Learning program at P.S. 205x in the Fordham RD neighborhood of The Bronx. In partnership with the school and District 10, we will create, launch, and implement a distinctive, holistic, arts-centered “community school” approach that engages a diversity of partners in providing new enrichment opportunities for children and their families.

Background on Community Schools

Community Schools offer a holistic approach toward improving academic performance driven by strong, collaborative partnerships among principals, parents, teachers, and CBOs. In Community Schools, parents are real and active partners in their children’s education, the school climate is joyful and positive, and expanded learning opportunities are abundant.

Core outcomes are two-fold. At the *student-level*, community schools aim for increased attendance and student engagement; connectedness to adults; development of social and emotional skills; and improved academic performance. At the *school-level*, community schools aim for improved school culture; more actively engaged families; and seamless service delivery with partner organizations.

Background on Young Audiences New York

Young Audiences New York gives children and youth from under-resourced schools and neighborhoods a chance to experience and create art. We offer both broad reach and significant depth. During the past year, we have served nearly 50,000 of New York City’s children and youth during the school day and after school. We apply our depth of experience in the field to operate extremely efficiently on a budget of just over 2 million dollars.

As a 70-year-old organization, we remain pioneers with an ambitious agenda, working to deepen our impact as we leverage the arts to generate new opportunities for children and youth in our most under-resourced schools and neighborhoods. Our programming intentionally integrates the creation of art with the development of important life skills, expanded social networks, and increased belief in a positive future.

Job Summary

Group Leaders main goal is assisting in educational after-school programs for the youth of the community. Group Leaders applying for this position should have excellent planning skills and a passion for children and genuinely want to make a positive impact on the next generation.

We are searching for a friendly and enthusiastic Group Leader to join our organization. In this role, you will manage and supervise groups, prepare group activities, ensure that group members cooperate and that goals are achieved. When required, you will also act as an objective mediator.

A successful Group Leader will radiate confidence, inspire others, and be able to build professional relationships. Ideal candidates should have strong interpersonal skills and know how to effectively manage their time.

Work Site:

This position will be working at the PS205

Job Responsibilities:

- In an after-school program setting, serve as the primary point of contact and engagement for a group of about 15 elementary aged young people.
- Support Teaching Artists in classroom facilitation and escort students to locations based on schedule or need.
- Assist in creating, planning, and implementing successful educational, recreation, youth leadership, community service and arts activities with school-aged children.
- When facilitating activities and transitioning your group, follow policies and procedures making the safety and care of children your primary focus.
- Build a positive relationship with each after-school participant in your care and foster positive connections between participants.
- Actively engage with children always, with the goal of fostering the positive development of each child and the group.
- Assist in enrollment, recording and submitting daily attendance records, and any other required documents.
- Inspect facilities, equipment, and supplies and be sure all are accounted for and put away at the end of each day.
- Inspect classroom at the beginning end of each session
- Actively participate in all aspects of staff development
- Inspire young people daily, to actively use their minds and hearts.
- Facilitate program activities using virtual platforms

Requirements and qualifications:

- High School Diploma or Equivalency Required. Some college credits preferred.
- DOE fingerprinting and background clearances.
- Bi-lingual preferred but not required.
- Takes initiative—and follows through.
- Well organized and quick learner.
- Excellent people skills.
- A genuine investment in helping young people navigate challenges and grow from their experiences.

To Apply

Please submit your resume and cover letter to tdrakeford@yany.org for consideration. The application is open until the position is filled.