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## **The Arts and Culture Leadership Incubator for Professional Creatives and Cultural Advocates is Back for Its 3rd Year; Now Accepting Applications**

{Beaverton, OR} – Tualatin Valley Creates (TVC) is excited to launch the third year of the [Arts and Culture Leadership Incubator Program](#)! This is a 3-month intensive program for professional creatives and cultural practitioners in Washington County, Oregon looking to take their career to the next level with a series of skill-building workshops. Led by industry professionals, topics range from business aspects of being an artist to challenging methodologies around what it takes to be a community leader. Participants create lasting connections during the program through peer networking, learning, and a focused collaboration on community activism. The program ends with a showcase in Spring 2023 for the community, highlighting the participant's projects, collaborations and learnings.

Past participants have gone on to pursue project concepts and goals refined during their time in the Leadership Incubator. Lindsey Holcomb was featured in [Health, Brain&Life](#) and [GoodRx](#) discussing [#ColorsOfMS](#), where she transforms multiple sclerosis patients' MRI scans into vivid paintings as a way to raise awareness and share people's stories. At the close of the last Incubator, participants Alicia Moya-Mendez and Joseph Nguyen turned their collaborative project "[Art Play Science](#)" into a reality, establishing an LLC and team of artists to build interactive science playgrounds and online games.

The Leadership Incubator is one of the ways TVC gives back to the local community. Investing in local arts and culture leaders empowers them to expand their creative practices, portfolios and businesses here in Washington County. This is an important contribution as there is a critical opportunity gap in the county, where residents have less access to arts and culture services and experiences compared to other urban areas around the state.

Creatives and cultural advocates interested in participating should reside in Washington County, OR and have a passion for building creative projects that incorporate community activism. Up to six applicants from traditionally underrepresented populations\* will be selected to participate. The Leadership Incubator is free to participate, and those who complete the program have an opportunity to earn a \$500 stipend to help advance their work. Those interested should apply by November 30, 2022 at [tvcreates.org/incubator](http://tvcreates.org/incubator).

\*Traditionally under-served populations in Washington County include people under 40, people of color, LGBTQ+, people experiencing income disparity, and people with disabilities, among others.

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- 1) 2020 Leadership Incubator Participant Emily Miller in her studio
- 2) A closeup of Plastic Marine Debris, part of Shelby Silver's 2021 Leadership Incubator Project
- 3) Tualatin Valley Creates' Call for Applications Graphic

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**About Tualatin Valley Creates**

Tualatin Valley Creates (TVC) is the leading arts service organization for Washington County, Oregon. TVC's mission is to foster an inclusive, resilient, and creative community by celebrating the local arts, culture, heritage and humanities throughout the county's 15 cities and unincorporated areas. This includes Aloha, Banks, Beaverton, Bethany, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Durham, Forest Grove, Gaston, Hillsboro, King City, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard and Tualatin.

TVC is an organization driven by advocacy and action. Originally founded in 1999 as the "Westside Cultural Alliance" by a group of art advocates, it gained its status as an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit shortly after. Since then, it continues to support community members by providing the latest news about local events, funding resources, professional development and economic opportunities. TVC also strives to make arts and culture accessible to its under-served populations by offering free networking events, workshops and the Arts & Culture Leadership Incubator. Through these efforts, TVC continues to uplift its vision of cultivating a robust arts and culture ecosystem in Washington County.

For more information visit [www.tvcreates.org](http://www.tvcreates.org).

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