Call for Proposals:

Collaborations with Artists & Writers

The Lehigh Valley Engaged Humanities Consortium (LVEHC) seeks proposals for residencies of literary, performing and visual artists who have the Lehigh Valley and its peoples as their subject. Proposals are welcome from faculty members, local educators, and local cultural organizations to support the artistic collaboration of their choice. Projects can occur any time between now and May 2021.

Introduction to the LVEHC:

Generously funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation through June 2021, the Lehigh Valley Engaged Humanities Consortium (LVEHC) (http://sites.lafayette.edu/lvehc/) fosters exploration of personal, historical, and community narratives that have emerged in the past half-century in the region using methods of the humanities and arts. The LVEHC is guided by a steering committee composed of representatives of a dozen Lehigh Valley academic and cultural institutions.

LVEHC Main Themes:

● The diversity of communities
● The changing nature of work
● The process of story-making
● The evolving landscape, environment, and sense of place

Application Process:

● Submit a one- to two-page (250-500 words) proposal to the Steering Committee co-directors via email at LVEngagedHumanities@gmail.com or digitally by filling out the Proposal Submission Form online.

● Applications will be reviewed by the LVEHC steering committee; responses can be expected approximately three weeks after proposal submission.

Proposals should contain:

● Description of the proposed collaboration including proposed date, length, subject and audience
● List of any collaborating organizations (including a letter of support from participating staff/faculty at collaborating organization)
● Anticipated impact on the proposed audience (students, community, etc.)
● Statement of how the proposed event aligns with the LVEHC themes (see above)

Considerations:

● Proposed events that align with the LVEHC Themes (see above) will be prioritized for funding
● If multiple proposals are received for an event on the same date, the steering committee may request that the date of event(s) be altered

Award Amounts and Deadlines:

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<th>Length of collaboration</th>
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Post-award Responsibilities:
For one-day and week-long collaborations, a minimum 250-word statement and a minimum of two images from the collaboration will be required within 30 days of the conclusion of the activity. This statement may be incorporated into a blog post that will be shared on the LVEHC website and will also be used in grant reporting.

For semester-long collaborations, a 400-500 word reflective statement will be required within 30 days of the conclusion of the project. With the assistance of the grant coordinator, this statement will be developed into a blog post that will be posted on the LVEHC website and will also be used for grant reporting. The statement can be written in the first-person, should be accompanied by one or two photos of the author/s, and can include: a description of the project and process, reflections on successes/challenges, and/or thoughts on future research and/or teaching. These statements can be collaborative and offer perspectives from the different participating organizations.

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