



TRCSTR is a 4-month cohort training program for community artists. The cohort of 8 participants will be supported by individual and collective mentorship of an 8-person advisory group and will work collectively to create public projects during the program. TRCSTR is led by artists and organizers, and centers on building personal and collective capacity for bringing transformational change through creative work. TRCSTR offers spaces to grow and practice skills, build connections, share food, questions, and ideas. We explore cultural and creative strategies that prioritize relationship, healing, curiosity, identity, and process. We welcome artists age 18+ of all mediums/ forms to apply. Our leadership team for 2024 consists of Hope Community Staff Olivia Levins Holden and Samie Johnson, and program facilitators Marcela Michelle and Rupa Shenoy-Thadhani. As a program we center LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC community members in all of our spaces.

*TRCSTR was developed as a partnership between Hope Community and Minneapolis Institute of Art. Beginning in 2022, it is a program of Hope Community solely.

Location + Program Schedule

Gatherings and sessions will take place at Hope Community (611 E Franklin Ave, Mpls, MN 55404). Both Advisors and Cohort attend Circles. With few exceptions, Advisors do not attend cohort sessions.



- Advisor Orientation: Tues, May 21, 4-6:30pm
- Cohort Orientation: Thurs, May 23, 3-7:00pm
- Session: Thurs, Jun 6, 4-6:30pm
- Session: Thurs, Jun 20, 4-6:30pm
- Circle 1:** Thurs, Jun 27, 5-7:30pm
- Session: Thurs, Jul 11, 4-6:30pm
- Circle 2:** Thurs, Jun 18, 5-7:30pm
- Session: Thurs, Jul 25, 4-6:30pm
- Advisor Check in: Thurs, Aug 1, 5-7:30pm
- Session: Thurs, Aug 8, 4-6:30pm
- Circle 3:** Thurs, Aug 15, 5-7:30pm
- Session: Thurs, Aug 22, 4-6:30pm
- Session: Thurs, Sep 5, 4-6:30pm
- Circle 4:** Thurs, Sep 12, 5-7:30pm
- Session: Thurs, Sep 19, 4-6:30pm
- Circle 5- Cosecha:** Thurs, Sep 26, time TBD

Program Elements

Mentorship: Cohort members will be paired with experienced mentors with whom they will connect throughout the program. Cohort can expect to connect with their mentor during TRCSTR Circle gatherings and one-on-one, and 2-4 times one-on-one outside program spaces. These pairings are intended to support growth and build relationship.

Cohort Sessions: Cohort will gather every two weeks from June-Sept. These sessions will include creative shares, time to connect, workshops and training sessions, and conversation spaces.

Cohort Projects: TRCSTR includes practice projects to apply and experiment with ideas and techniques. We have embraced this project process based on our assumption that project-based learning provides growth and learning for most people. It is intended as an opportunity to support you to test your own growth edge in a hands-on way. Projects are presented at the Cosecha Multidisciplinary Showcase.

TRCSTR Circles: These monthly gatherings bring together cohort and advisory groups for a meal and to connect on different topics relating to public art.

*We ask that cohort members commit to full participation in these elements and schedule of events.



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Cohort members receive a \$1100 stipend for full program participation paid in two installments over the course of the program. Additionally, cohort receives a \$500 stipend to support project costs.

Email ARC@hope-community.org with any questions!