



2 WEEK FACILITATOR RESIDENCY

WHEN : OCTOBER 30th - NOVEMBER 11th 2022

WHERE : GREENPOINT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

**WHO : EDUCATORS, ACTIVISTS, ARTISTS, AND ANYONE WHO IS
PASSIONATE ABOUT SHARING EXPERIENCES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE
AND GETTING TO BECOME A PART OF A NEW COMMUNITY!**

Applicants should be prepared to collaborate, create, and lead a 2 week project based experience with kids ages 5 - 12.

About Cottonwood

Cottonwood fosters curiosity, play, trust, respect, equity and autonomy in our members. We support a growing community through age-mixing, valuing personal choice and celebrating the individuality of everyone's learning. The greater mission to build community through self-directed learning is realized through offerings of an agile after-school program, adult and organizational programming, community center events, mission-related space rental and summer camps. We serve and connect two communities: Helena, MT and Brooklyn, NY.

We intentionally located our educational spaces in places where our cultural and natural landscapes are as much a part of our classroom as the interior spaces of our buildings. As a result, Cottonwood learners can be found interacting with their community every day and helping to create meaningful engagement and connections. As often as possible, we extend the classroom to places our learners might otherwise never visit.

The environment that we strive to create at Cottonwood is one that is positive and attentive to the whole human. Keeping our class size small, every day we work to empower individual learners to approach their life with agency and to broaden their horizons in order to identify possibilities based on their unique interests and strengths. Learners and staff alike come to Cottonwood because they seek a place where they can thrive.

About Residents

Resident responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Act as a model, space-holder and mentor to learners in a self-directed learning environment and in intentional culture creation. Facilitators need to be grounded in the perspective of trusting children and committed to fostering curiosity and individual empowerment.
- Act as lead facilitators and coordinate the scheduled execution of the 2 week project.
- Actively co-create and engage with staff and students to develop tools and practices to support positive culture creation based in trust, communication, and the practical needs of learners.
- Use or develop tools and practices for students to articulate intentions, steps for setting goals, progress and reflection.
- Participate in regular check-ins to determine if learners need more, less or different support to reach goals and intentions.
- Help coordinate and plan field trips.
- Provide communication support between residents, learners and parents.
- Maintain a clean space to welcome learners each day.
- Completion of orientation documents.
- * 2 Resident positions are available.
- * Residents are responsible for getting to and from the location.
- Other duties as assigned.

Compensation

- Hourly compensation to all US residents.
- Shared housing will be provided to all residents.
(Value: \$1200)
- International applicants are encouraged to apply.
- Community Networking

Benefits

- After-hours access to the space. We invite you to use the Center after hours as your playground. Host a game night, screen films, bake a cake, play music...
- Learn about agile tools and our approach. We consider the tools and practices we use at Cottonwood as tools for life, and we can't wait to share them with you!
- Get to be creative, explore what you love, and approach every day as an adventure all while on the job.
- Fun, exciting and social work environment and access to a rich new community where connections will extend well beyond the summer.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Excellent communicator
- Detail-oriented
- Demonstrates strong organizational skills
- Is an agent of play
- Curious with a desire to learn
- Enjoys working with young people
- Previous work with young people is preferred

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