



Turn Up the Volume

Founded 2020

An art education non-profit organization focused on empowering all to visually express narratives of what social justice looks like.

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Our Story

Illustrative Voices is a diverse and inclusive artist community.

Founded in 2020, Illustrative Voices was created to empower artists impacted by, and passionate about, social justice. Within the Bay Area communities, several needs were discovered:

A need to foster art creativity – a space to share ideas and be innovative without inhibition.

A need to provide art education – offer more equitable opportunities to learn about visual expression and the creative arts.

A need for art advocacy – support and resources for all to share concerns of social inequities.

After identifying these needs, Illustrative Voices was forged.



Mission Statement

Through the creative arts, art education, and art advocacy Illustrative Voices aims to foster community and provide a more inclusive and effective platform for all to express themselves, to share their experiences of social inequities, and to express their vision of what social justice looks like.

Vision Statement

Illustrative Voices' long-term vision is to secure a permanent home for our artist, community, and art education programming. Illustrative Voices has charged its Board of Directors with developing the road map for bringing this vision to fruition.

Our values are Fortitude, Reverence, Cultural Celebration, Inclusion, and Vulnerability.



Our Programs

Illustrative Voices was founded on three guiding pillars that are the foundation of how we visually present experiences of social inequities, and to express their vision of what social justice looks like.

These founding pillars are Creative Arts, Art Education, and Art Advocacy.

Art Advocacy

Artist Community | Art Therapy | Art Resources

Through Art Advocacy programs we hope to engage and support our ever expanding community of artists and their experiences of social inequities, and to express their visions of social justice.

One of Illustrative Voices founding intentions was to build and grow our Artist Community here within the Bay Area, as well as neighboring ones. Through our Artist Community we:

- harness and nurture a safe space
- allow artists to express themselves without judgement
- want to provide opportunities to create and to network
- empower all to thrive and further their skillset as artists and visual storytellers

Each Art Therapy workshop has an emphasis on creative art



expression paired with content to better understand and cope with the effects social inequities and social justice have had on our community. Art Therapy workshops include topics vary from visual expression to mental health & healing.

Art Advocacy programs at Illustrative Voices also encompasses a variety of Art Resources. They are provided free for our artist and Bay Area communities. These resources include art kits, as well as access to art books and printed art texts and documents. Art kits include a variety of traditional art medium such as graphite pencils, ink pens, erasers, sketchbooks, or additional art tools.

Creative Arts

Public Arts | Open Studio Spaces | Special Projects

Public Arts projects such as traditional mural paintings, chalk murals, community beautification, and much more, are just a few that Illustrative Voices engages with the community. Every Public Arts project has a focus and intention of bring an awareness to stories of social inequities or visions of social justice.

We also provide workshops to learn more about the process of Visual Storytelling & Mural Making. These 2-hour monthly workshops include collaborating with our team of artists to help design, produce, or create a Public Arts projects from start to finish.

Special Projects refers to sponsorship of large-scale artwork for local businesses and companies on site or for the surrounding local communities. Illustrative Voices leads the creative process or provides guidance for these Special Projects. They must focus on stories of social inequities or visions of social justice.

Having Open Studio Spaces is an on-going endeavor. It is the goal of Illustrative Voices to provide an on-site space that is safe and accessible for all of its artist community to artistically create their experiences of social inequities or visions of social justice.

Art Education

Classes & Workshops | Lecture Series | Tutoring

Classes & Workshops are at the core of Illustrative Voices with an intention on creating artwork that brings an awareness to stories of social inequities or visions of social justice. These weekly 2-hour long workshops include traditional oil and gouache painting, pen & ink drawing, graphite drawing, wood-block print making, and much more.

In addition to providing the space and necessary resources and tools, guests who attend the workshops get to keep the art tools provided, and are encouraged to apply what they've learned

and create artwork for Illustrative Voices exhibitions.

Lecture Series have a focus on artists who bringing an awareness to stories of social inequities or visions of social justice within their work. These lectures are offered monthly. Lecture Series range from mural making to graphic novels and open for all to attend.

Illustrative Voices also provides free tutoring on basic fundamentals of art. Tutoring services are usually 1-on-1, provided by our team of artists and volunteers. Topics range from traditional art medium such as drawing, painting, and sculpture, but also includes film & digital media, 2D/3D-animation, storyboarding, digital painting, and more.

Our quarterly social inequities and visions of social justice themed art exhibitions are part of the Art Education programs at Illustrative Voices. It is the intent of these exhibitions to educate, have conversations, and bring awareness to social inequities and visions of social justice of diverse cultures and ethnicities that may not otherwise be heard, seen, or experienced by others.



Donate

Illustrative Voices is a 100% volunteer-based organization.

Our Tax ID is **85-2148961**. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, your tax-deductible donation helps Illustrative Voices continue to provide art education programs, workshops, and services to the Bay Area communities.

Illustrative Voices is appreciative of all donation gestures. Additional donation gestures include:

- art materials
- art supplies
- art equipment

Illustrative Voices accepts contributions of materials, goods, and services that help us reduce our costs and continue to

provide high-quality programs. For any questions or additional information to learn more on how to donate and what in-kind donations we currently accept contact *development@illustrativevoices.org*.

Volunteer

Helping hands are always appreciated. Illustrative Voices is always looking for new volunteers to join in community. Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas:

- community art projects
- special events
- curating art exhibitions

Contact *volunteer@illustrativevoices.org* to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.



Screenshot of Illustrative Voices' inaugural social inequities and visions of social justice art exhibition Social (In)Justice and Compassion, virtual, July 8, 2020.

STUDENT RATIVE



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