

EdSparks Collective

2023 - 2024



Why Art Education?

"Experience in the arts develops initiative and creativity, stimulates the imagination, fosters pride in craft, develops planning skills, and helps the young learn how to work together. All these personal attributes are vocationally relevant. Thus even though the projects students work on in an art class might not look as if they have much to do with the workplace, they are very much a part of the 'skill set' students need to become productive workers."

- Elliot Eisner, *Stanford University*



About EdSparks Collective

For children's learning, growth and development, the arts offer myriads possibilities. EdSparks Collective is a first-of-its-kind professional development program for all those interested in exploring the full potential of the visual arts in transforming student learning. Each session is conducted in a hands-on interactive manner, utilizing a variety of multimodal strategies to maximize engagement and understanding on how to design and implement enriching educational interventions that utilize the visual arts to support student growth and development.

Specialization tracks will allow participants to delve deeply into areas such as supporting the development of 21st century learning and SEL skills, enriching library education goals, and catering to the foundational learning needs of early childhood. The specialization tracks will enable each participant to integrate art into their educational practice and contribute to reaching the educational goals they endeavour for the children they serve.



Program Dates:

Phase 1 - Foundational course (In-person, Bengaluru)
Oct. 16 to 21, 2023

Phase 2 - Action Learning Project
Nov. & Dec. 2023

Phase 3 - Specialization Tracks (Via Zoom)

- 21st Century Learning & SEL Skills - Jan. 9 to 11, 2024
- Library Education - Jan. 16 to 18, 2024
- Early Childhood Education- Jan. 23 to 25, 2024

Timings: 9:30am to 12:30pm AND 2:00pm to 5:30pm.





Collaboratively investigating the properties of materials to understand how best to foster curiosity & discovery in children



Reflection & discussion circles



Applying design thinking principles to create product prototypes



Developing & testing curriculum

Program Outline

Part 1

Oct. 16 to 21, 2023

- Exploring learning styles
- Art & children's development
- Exploring materials and themes #1
- Exploring materials and themes #2
- Assessing children's growth and development.
- Designing enriching learning experiences in art.

Part 2

Nov. & Dec. 2023

- Action Learning Project

Goals

1. Gain practical experience
2. Test out and feel more confident in implementing the new methodology.
3. Witness the impact and the response from children

Part 3

Choose 1 from the specialization tracks below

Jan. 9 to 11, 2024:
21st Century Learning
and SEL Skills

Jan. 16 to 18, 2024:
Library Education

Jan. 23 to 25, 2024:
Early Childhood Education



Methodology

- Hands-On and Experiential
- Inquiry-Based
- Includes independent & collaborative work





Who Should Attend?

Anyone involved in children's learning. For example:

- Educators
- NGO Administrators
- Curriculum Developers/ Resource Persons
- Change Agents
- Visual Artists
- Working Professionals
- Students (*of Education, Development, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Art & Design*)





Why You Should Attend!

- Highly Engaging hands-on sessions full of real-world practical strategies.
- High-quality content expertly crafted and curated by ArtSparks Foundation.
- Support that extends well beyond the EdSparks Collective program sessions.
- Exclusive access to rich materials and resources.
- Walk away with a starter kit to kickstart an art-based program in your space.
- Be a part of a community of motivated individuals committed to changing the way children learn.



EdSparks Extended

Translating one's learnings from a workshop to apply them in their own space is a journey. Staying in touch and constant communication boosts the impact and efficiency of this process. With this in mind, EdSparks cohort members become part of a larger community of practice, and are provided with on-going support, both online and offline, post the EdSparks Collective program. Support is offered to help participants design and implement robust art interventions in their respective organizations with continued access to more teaching and learning materials and resources.





Testimonials

“One of the most significant takeaways from attending this program has been very specifically on understanding how art is being taught and how it can be taught. In my own art experiences as a child, art lessons always had a greater emphasis on conformity and perfection. This led to me disliking the arts and neglecting arts as a whole. But through this program, I learnt a new approach to teach the arts. This approach is rooted in appreciation of non-conformity and subjectivity along with the support of educational concepts such as scaffolding, etc. I look forward to taking these learnings to my children and encouraging them to be creative and think critically.”
—Narendrayash, Vartitra Foundation

“I had already been looking for an inclusive art-based intervention when I came to the EdSparks workshop. I imagined it would be possible to create an environment in which every child would learn and thrive, irrespective of their skill level. When I came to the workshop, I had a feeling that this is what I had been looking for. This belief was strengthened even more as we came to the first module. I was quite excited to see the outcomes of the Action Learning Project (ALP), even though I wasn't quite sure what it'd be like. My biggest discovery was an inclusive intervention. Every child during the ALP was working on a collage project, but I could see every one of them blossom differently and at the same time the group evolved as a whole.” —Ruchi, Let's Open a Book

Some of the major shifts in understanding about art and art education for me was the integration of art with 'mainstream' subjects is a very powerful tool to get an in depth understanding of a given theme for a student. But providing such an enriching experience is only possible if an adult responsible for child's education is clear with the goals they want to achieve, having appropriate scaffolding and the planning of sessions is in place. Also it is necessary that teacher/partners perspective of art is not a narrow one.”—Ashwini, Avaniti Education & Training Foundation

Click [here](#) for our impact studies with past EdSparks Collective cohort members.



EdSparks participants applying their new learnings from the program with children in their respective spaces.





Program Fees

- **NGO Rate - INR 18,000**

(Available only for valid NGOs. Proof of NGO affiliation is required)

- **Regular Rate - INR 38,000**

**Includes curated art education resources related to the specialization track chosen, sample curriculum, take-home art supplies, a starter kit and certificate.*

- *To submit an application, please fill an online application along with your specialization track preference.*
- *Only 2 applicants maximum from one organization may apply.*
- *Applicants from one organization can apply for a maximum of 2 specialization tracks.*
- *Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. You will be contacted for a brief video interview*
- *Once accepted into the program, a notification will be sent out to you, along with an invoice.*
- *Payment must be received in full within 3 days of being accepted into the program.*
- *Last date for applying is September 16th, 2023.*

About ArtSparks Foundation

ArtSparks Foundation is an educational nonprofit that works to support the development of 21st century learning and life skills in children through the medium of visual art & design.

ArtSparks also supports the professional development of adults, encouraging them to explore new ways to enrich children's learning, growth, and development.

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