

# EdSparks Collective

2022 - 2023

ART SPARKS

CURIOSITY. CREATIVITY. LEARNING.



# 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 & development, the arts offer myriads of possibilities. EdSparks Collective is a one-of-a-kind, 12-session professional development program for all those interested in exploring the full potential of the visual arts to transform student learning. Each interactive, hands-on workshop session is carefully designed to gradually build participants understanding of, and capacity to design and implement, enriching educational interventions that utilize the visual arts to foster 21st century learning and life skills in children.

**Program Dates:** Oct. 10 to 15, 2022 AND  
Jan. 16 to 21, 2023

**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

- Exploring learning styles
- Art and children's development
- Exploring materials and themes (Collage)
- Exploring materials and themes (Painting)
- Exploring materials and themes (Sculpture)
- Exploring materials and themes (Puppet-

## Part 2

- Action Learning Project
  - Gain practical experience
  - Test out and feel more confident in implementing the new methodology.
  - Witness the impact and the response from children.

## Part 3

- Language and literacy development through the arts
- Designing enriching learning experiences in art
- Arts integration—teaching through art
- Assessing children's growth and development
- Art & Sustainability
- Personalized implementation plan for art programs



# Methodology

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





## Who Should Attend?

Anyone involved with children...

- 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.
- Advice and support that extends well beyond the 2-week sessions.
- Exclusive access to rich materials and resources.
- Walk away with a rich toolbox of ideas.
- 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 can be tricky. Being out of touch and lack of communication reduces the impact and efficiency of learning. With this in mind, EdSparks cohort members become part of a larger community of practice, and are provided with on-going support after the program ends, 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.





## 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, like this works a little bit like a library—everyone reads the same book or listens to the same story, but every child takes away something different from it. 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*

*“Previously my assumption was that art is just to engage the children in a fun manner, but now I understand that art is more than that. Art can be used to develop various skills in children. I totally believe that art is equal to all subjects.”—Durga Kumari, PRAYOG*



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 for each participant, sample curriculum, take-home art supplies, and certificate.*

- *To submit an application, please fill an online application*
- *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.*
- *Only 2 applicants maximum from one organization may apply.*
- *Last date for applying is September 10th, 2022.*

# 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.

- **Total Children Served:** ArtSparks has impacted 9000+ children, directly and indirectly, through its efforts
- **Total Educators Served:** 300+
- **Supporters & Partners:**



## Have we sparked your interest?

Try out this hands-on activity to experience and understand how visual arts can foster imagination and flexible thinking in children. Please try out this activity by yourself or with children and share your experience with us.



**Age:** 5 years and above.

**Materials:** Kitchen waste like onion peel, garlic peel, cucumber peel, cabbage or cauliflower waste, leafy vegetables waste, etc.

### Steps:

1. Look around the kitchen and find at least 5 different kitchen waste of different colors.
2. Think about the different trees you have seen around you. Do they all have leaves, flowers, and fruits? Are they all same color, size, and shape or different?
3. Pick one tree that you would like to replicate. It could be an existing one or from your imagination.
4. Using the kitchen waste, create trees with details like the roots, trunk, branches, leaves, flowers, etc. on top of your table or floor.



If you found the activity interesting and engaging and would like to be a part of EdSparks Collective to unlock the potential of the arts, please share your details with us here:

<https://forms.gle/FA8iGkCJyCeKn31C8>

You can also follow us to get updates on our other activities and offerings.

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