

UCIMC After school program proposal Fall 2012 – Summer 2013

Background:

We are seeking ways of providing regular media, arts, and social justice education for youth. We seek to leverage existing and underutilized resources (such as space during the afternoons) to attract partners, both internal (such as working groups and resident organizations) and external who could provide programming and staff to provide offerings for you.

Proposal:

Make a call for proposals from community partners to propose after school programming from 3:30-5:30 Monday through Friday. Our offer would include two evening events times at the beginning of the semester to recruit and fundraise and at the end of the semester to showcase and fundraise.

We provide: space, equipment, outreach through our network, community connections, limited grant writing support, training on facilities use, signed agreement.

They provide: staffing, curriculum, single liaison (who would have a key), agreement that any grant submitted on behalf of the program must include IMC costs – space, admin, etc, agreement that they will split all income from the 2 fundraising events at the IMC with the IMC 50%/50%. They will be encouraged but not required to present at GRC. Any grant submitted on behalf of the program must include IMC costs – space, admin, etc.

Timeline:

- May – present to IMC board
- June – call for proposals and review
- July – Grassroots Radio Conference – have groups demo their ideas
- August – sign agreements and do facilities training
- Sept – Nov – Fall programming
- Dec – reflect on work, report to board
- Feb – April – Spring programming
- May – reflect on work, report to board

Progress to far:

Although we are just putting together a proposal and have not made any specific offers, several opportunities have walked in the door so to speak ...

Carol and I met with UIUC Dream Studio (Developing Real Expression Around Music).

<http://prezi.com/mr2ip6-0u3lk/the-dream-studio/>

They new student run social program at the UI whose mission is to promote

expression through original music creation while building self-esteem in talented high school students. They pair U of I mentors with high school students that share the same musical interest. Through this shared interest mentorship model, the HS students will create and record a single throughout the course of the semester and perform in a final showcase. Through the mentorship and song creation process, the HS Students will better their self-awareness, ambition, and realize their passions.

We will be meeting with Kate Insolia, founder of the Urbana Dance Company.

<http://www.urbanadancecompany.org/home.html>

"The Urbana Dance Company is a modern dance group founded in 2012 by artistic director Kate Insolia. Believing that artists have the ability to transcend conventional wisdom and offer new productive and vibrant modes of being, The Urbana Dance Company seeks to understand the power of performance as a vital means for political action and social transformation. Our choreography seeks to illuminate issues of oppression such as racism, classism, and sexism with the intent to push society toward greater tolerance. In a search for humanity, the company uses both drama and humor to create a space where transformation can occur. As an affiliate of the Urbana Park District, we are committed to creating a vibrant, community centered, modern dance troupe."