



**Loppet Foundation
Stories Project
Arts Curator & Community Liaison
Job Posting**

The Loppet Foundation's mission is connecting people to the outdoors through experiences that grow community. We value anti-racism, collaboration, growth, inclusion, play, stewardship and well-being. The foundation provides quality programming for youth and adults, produces world class adventures and sporting events, and strives to create a welcoming and inclusive community in its operations in Theodore Wirth Park. The Loppet staff are dedicated and energetic individuals who work together leveraging the various aspects of the Foundation to create a whole that is more than the sum of its parts.

About the Stories of Connection Project: The Loppet Foundation's Stories of Connection Project brings together community groups and others impacted by the life of the park to explore what Theodore Wirth Park means to people from the many different cultures that call Minneapolis home. This includes understanding points of inspiration and connection, as well as challenges faced by community members such as residents of BIPOC and lower income neighborhoods bordering the park. This multi-year project will tell these stories of connection to nature through art, media, signage, programming, and events throughout the community with the goal of increasing park usership and depth of experience as more people see their own stories reflected in the identity of Theodore Wirth Park.

Job Summary: The Stories Project Arts Curator & Community Liaison leads community engagement and curation of exhibits, installations, and events for the Stories of Connection Project. This position will co-lead the project advisory council, develop relationships with current and new project partners, and work with these partners to further project goals. The Arts Curator & Community Liaison will work directly with the Stories Project Environmental Education & Justice Specialist (new position) to oversee project implementation, including mentoring young adults in an environmental leadership program and organizing four season outdoor-indoor educational opportunities for North Minneapolis youth and families to connect with nature.

The Arts Curator & Community Liaison is responsible for the following:

- Oversee the curation of all project art and multimedia installations, and associated curriculum (30%)
 - Work with partners on design and installation of exhibits.
 - Facilitate calls for proposals and oversee contracts for artwork, media, and design products from community artisans to be incorporated into indoor and outdoor exhibits, signs, and installations.
- Lead council of community partners (20%)
 - Lead a council of BIPOC partners from the community who will give recommendations on themes, locations, and overall messaging of curated exhibits, installations, programs, and events.
- Organize and promote community events (20%)
 - Work with Loppet staff and partners to lead development, marketing, execution, and assessment of project exhibits, installations, events, and programs.
 - Work with councils and partners to develop and coordinate branding to promote and support the stories project.
- Collaborate on curriculum implementation and educational experiences (15%)
 - Work directly with the Stories Project Environmental Education & Justice Specialist and community partners to ensure that both Loppet program curriculum and themes and stories from art, exhibits, installations, and signage cross-pollinate.
 - Support the Stories Project Environmental Education & Justice Specialist in implementing educational resources, lesson plans, and curriculum materials for in-person and online programming.
 - Contribute innovative ideas to enhance learning experiences and engage students in nature connection activities that incorporate Stories Project voices and themes.

- Mentor environmental pathways leaders (15%)
 - Work with the Stories Project Environmental Education & Justice Specialist to provide opportunities for pathways leaders to experience and develop skills around community engagement, environmental justice, project curation, and event organizing.
- Participation within your team in advancing the Loppet's [Mission, Values](#) and [Strategic Equity Goals](#)
- Co-creating an Anti-Racist organization and helping to create an inclusive environment for people of all races, abilities, and economic backgrounds.

Knowledge and Abilities:

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field plus two years of directly related experience. **Or** an equivalent combination of education and/or experience may be substituted if it directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of this position.
- Strong interest in working to improve access to nature and nature connection and strong desire to educate the community about the benefits of nature connection, challenges and barriers to urban nature, and opportunities to build bridges for nature connection using voices and stories from the community.
- Demonstrated experience:
 - Organizing and curating exhibits and/or public educational materials that tell themed stories through art and/or multimedia
 - Organizing community events
 - Networking and working with diverse communities and stakeholder groups on projects that address social and environmental justice.
 - Effectively working with people from diverse backgrounds, including age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, and lived experiences
 - Successfully navigating challenging conversations among diverse groups
- Preferred:
 - Familiarity and connection with the vibrant north Minneapolis community, other BIPOC communities, or lived experience as a member of (or extensive experience working with people from) communities that are impacted by systemic environmental or social injustice.
 - Bilingual in English and Spanish.

This is a full-time salaried two-year position, with potential for continuation, and compensation between \$55,000 - \$60,000 annually, depending on experience. Schedule and location are flexible with the understanding that a presence during regular business hours is important and that there are a variety of evenings and weekends which this role will be necessary to attend.

This position reports to the Stories Project manager and includes the following benefits: Unlimited PTO, a 401(k) retirement plan with the Loppet Foundation matching employee contributions up to 3% of the employee's salary, three health insurance plan options and dental insurance option. And the ability to work and play in the magnificent Theodore Wirth Park!

*We recognize the need for a diverse workforce and understand that traditionally underrepresented communities must be centered in the work we do. As a Foundation, we are committed to building a blended team that reflects the community we serve. Hence, **we strongly encourage BIPOC, Indigenous, and Queer-identified individuals to apply.***

HOW TO APPLY:

Please email a resume and cover letter in pdf form with the subject line "Stories Project Arts Curator & Community Liaison" to hr@loppet.org. All applications received by August 5th, 2024 will be considered.

For more background on the Stories of Connection Project, visit www.loppet.org/stories. Please contact stories@loppet.org with questions.