

# Aquil Charlton

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## Objective

**Obtain teaching artist or consulting position in youth development institution, allowing for further development of workshop facilitation, curriculum development, and social entrepreneurship skills proven over more than a decade of successful community and arts leadership.**

## Profile

### **Creative, passionate teaching artist and community leader:**

- Successful track record of launching and sustaining innovative youth programs
- Talent for creating and facilitating curricula across multiple disciplines
- Aptitude for identifying and engaging the leadership skills of various stakeholders
- Demonstrated history of providing timely and accurate reports and detailed documentation
- Reputation for friendly, professional rapport with young people and the adults in their lives
- Seasoned writer and musician with a library of recordings and high-caliber live performances

## Employment History

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Department of Arts Education) – Chicago, IL

**ALT City Director**, December 2012 to Present (part-time/seasonal)

- Designed and led ALT visual and performing arts ensembles as part of All City Arts Program
- Coordinated student workshops with master artists, rehearsals, and final performance/exhibition

INNER-CITY MUSLIM ACTION NETWORK (IMAN) – Chicago, IL

**Executive Fellow**, September 2009 to October 2010

- Coordinated Green Jobs pilot program for formerly incarcerated men
- Designed program evaluation tools and practices implemented by Program Directors

THE CRIB COLLECTIVE – Chicago, IL

**Co-Founder/Executive Director**, September 2002 to June 2009

- Developed successful youth grant-making program; supported the launch of over 30 youth-led projects
- Co-created founding documents; supported outreach and resource development; led pilot programs
- Doubled operating budget in first year as executive director; professionalized staff and volunteer base

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT – Chicago, IL

**Program Coordinator**, September 2002 to December 2004

- Designed and facilitated ecology, camping, and conservation curricula for school age youth
- Supervised staff of five Urban Campers counselors at ten Park District facilities

## Music and Arts

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ARTS INCUBATOR/ URBAN GATEWAYS – Chicago, IL

**Teaching Artist**, October to December 2013

ANIMATE OBJECTS (5-PIECE HIP HOP BAND) – Chicago, IL

**Vocalist & Community Outreach Lead**, March 2007 to Present

ONEBEAT/U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE – New York, NY/Washington, D.C.

**Musician/Domestic Fellow**, September to October 2012

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE – Washington, D.C.

**Cultural Ambassador to Pakistan**, October to November 2011

ENLACE CHICAGO/LITTLE VILLAGE LAWNSDALE H.S. – Chicago, IL

**DJ Workshop Instructor**, January to May 2009

YOUNG CHICAGO AUTHORS – Chicago, IL

**Saturday Writing Workshop Instructor**, February to March 2008

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References Available Upon Request

## Consulting

CHICAGO WISDOM PROJECT – 2013 to Present

**Development and Sustainability Consultant**, designing and supporting the implementation of fundraising, networking, and long-term resource management strategies

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Department of Arts Education) – 2007 to Present

**Arts Integration Consultant, creating and facilitating inquiry-based professional development workshops** for CPS teachers on integrating art, culture, and youth voice into curricula and classroom culture

LOCAL INITIATIVE SUPPORT CORPORATION (LISC) – 2012

**Designed and coordinated Green Healthy Neighborhoods summer program** in partnership with Teamwork Englewood and Washington Park Consortium

LEADERSHIP PRACTICE CONSULTING GROUP – 2005 to 2007

**Created and led engagements on Asset-Based Community Development** for AmeriCorps Site Directors in Iowa, Texas, California and Wisconsin, in partnership with faculty from Northwestern University's ABCD Institute

## Other Activities

KHEMISTRY – Chicago, IL

**Board Member**, 2012 to present

FIRE THIS TIME FUND – Chicago, IL

**Giving Circle Board Member**, 2008 to 2010

UMOJA STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – Chicago, IL

**“Community Connections” Mentor**, 2007 to 2008

INNER-CITY MUSLIM ACTION NETWORK (IMAN) – Chicago, IL

**Takin' It to the Streets 2007 Steering Committee Member**, January through July 2007

LITTLE VILLAGE LAWDALE HIGH SCHOOL – Chicago, IL

**Transition Advisory Council Member**, 2003 to 2006

INTERFAITH YOUTH CORE (IFYC) – Chicago, IL

**Chicago Youth Council and Youth Interfaith Education Initiative Coordinator**, 2003 to 2004

## Education

NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY – Chicago, IL                      GPA: 3.5/4.0

**Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Non-profit Management, 2011**

MALCOLM X COLLEGE – Chicago, IL

**Associate of Arts (A.A.), General Studies, 2005**                      GPA: 3.9/4.0

High Honors; Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

## Awards and Recognitions

**OneBeat Follow-on Project Award** – January, 2013

Presented by OneBeat and U.S. Department of State for community engagement through music

**Community Innovators Circle Challenge Award** – December, 2012

Presented by Public Allies and American Express for emerging leaders in social innovation

**North Lawndale Spirit of Youth Development Award** – March, 2007

Presented by Steans Family Foundation and Harris Bank for outstanding leadership in youth development field

**Chicago Change-makers Award** – June, 2005

Presented by Public Allies for innovative social change work in Chicago communities