

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

## Gibney Seeks Community Actionists for 2019-20 Season

Company: Gibney  
Location: New York, New York  
Compensation: Compensation for training and a workshop fee per assembly

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Gibney seeks part-time Community Actionists (CA) with strong dance skills and a focus on social justice work to start in September 2019.

We aim to have a team of CAs who reflect the communities we engage in. We encourage artists of every race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and age to apply.

### ABOUT THE ROLE

Community Actionists are performers that advocate for healthy relationships using dance, dialogue, and interactive activities in schools across New York City. The role encompasses dance and social justice in the form of [Hands are for Holding](#) assemblies. CAs travel across the city performing in schools and facilitating conversations about healthy relationships. At each assembly, four CAs perform 3-4 choreographed dances around the issues of bullying, equity, and boundaries, followed by a facilitation with a Gibney community educator or one of our partner organizations, Day One or the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence. As an Actionist, you are a dancer and a facilitator.

Hands are for Holding is a one-hour school-based assembly program that uses dance to address bullying, equity, and choice in everyday interactions. Appropriate for grades 4-12, Hands are for Holding addresses the social-emotional health of young people through discourse, resource sharing, and a high-quality professional dance performance. Choreographed dances combined with participatory opportunities create a well-rounded educational experience that invites students to witness, and practice, active choices to create and foster healthy relationships throughout every moment and interaction. The dances provide a dynamic point of entry for meaningful dialogue within a safe space. Led by community educators, the program fosters discussion of relevant topics such as signs of bullying, the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, social isolation, boundaries and consent, and technological abuse among many others.

### COMMITMENT

Being an Actionist offers a flexible schedule. Assemblies are most often scheduled on weekday mornings/early afternoons so we do ask that our Actionists have schedules that allow flexibility during those times (roughly 10:00 am – 2:30 pm). We are also having a mandatory training on the following days:

Tuesday, 9/17, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, 9/18, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Thursday, 9/19, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Friday, 9/20, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Friday, 9/27 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

If you are available for the above training and are interested in applying to be part of this unique dance and social justice program, [apply here by Monday, August 5](#). The application requires a resume, short video reel, headshot, and projected weekday availability for September 2019 – June 2020.

The application will be open through August 5, 2019. There will be a mandatory Audition Workshop for invited applicants on August 12 or 13.

[APPLY NOW](#)

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