

# Establish Your Area as a Learning Community

Includes goals from this [Creative Communities Report](#):

- Establish Plainfield as a Learning Community
- If the direction moves towards artists' residencies there are two websites representing an alliances of residencies that can give some ideas: [artistcommunities.org/](http://artistcommunities.org/) and [resartis.org/](http://resartis.org/). **Triangle Arts** is an umbrella group for international artists' workshops (<http://triangleworkshop.org/>). These websites all show the diversity of forms an "artists' residency" can take.
- **Kathy Black**, from the **Vermont Studio Center**, (<http://www.vermontstudiocenter.org/>) is available to brainstorm ideas, both about options for programs and about who might help outline a funding strategy. Contact her at: (802) 635-2727.
- The new workforce bill, H.433, will provide funding options for organizations that set up and administer student internships. Look for applications from the **Department of Labor**: [labor.vermont.gov/](http://labor.vermont.gov/)
- Some institutions of higher learning offer ongoing educational opportunities. One popular program is the **Osher Lifelong Learning** program at the University of Vermont (<http://www.uvm.edu/~learn/osher/>). Osher targets Vermonters over the age of 50 and reaches many communities around Vermont. The concept could be adapted to include other generations.

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