Young Cultural Stewards critically and creatively engage art, technology, and media to become advocates and caretakers of their parks, neighborhoods, and communities.

CULTURAL STEWARDSHIP

- Reframing public parks as sites for cultural organizing and creative capacity building
- Preserving and contributing to indigenous, local, and global cultural practices
- Building 21st century skills of creativity, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Cultivating the development of positive self-identity, community, and solidarity
- Nurturing the capacity to imagine change and the willingness to work for it
- Practicing culture making as a tool for social change

COMMUNITY SAFETY

- Fostering trust, vulnerability, and the development of interdependent relationships
- Utilizing restorative and transformative justice to address harm and create accountability
- Providing job training, career readiness, and building the capacity of youth as leaders and lifelong changemakers

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**ARTSEED MOBILE CREATIVE PLAY**

ArtSeed engages 1,500 youth (ages 3-12) across 18 parks through storytelling, music, movement, and nature play rooted in neighborhood stories. Children explore the histories and legacies of Chicago’s community-based artists and imagine creative solutions to challenges in their own neighborhoods.

**INFERNO MOBILE RECORDING STUDIO**

Inferno engages over 1,000 young people (ages 6-18) across 80 parks to make participatory music, produce documentaries, and practice therapeutic sound recreation. Led by experimental musicians, media artists, and youth interns, Inferno facilitates opportunities for young people to tell their own stories and document their cultural landscapes. Check us out at: www.infernocpd.com

**TRACE (Teens Re-imagine Arts Community and Environment)** is a job readiness and civic leadership program that cultivates creative activism in youth (ages 14-22). Based in the Englewood community, TRACE annually employs over 80 young people tasked with collectively re-imagining their roles as cultural producers and community builders.

**YCS FELLOWSHIP**

Young Cultural Stewards (YCS) engage youth (ages 12-14) as caretakers of culture and agents of change within their parks and neighborhoods. With regional hubs in Rogers Park, Little Village, and Chatham, youth explore what culture and community mean to them while developing skills in cultural preservation, organizing, and building creative platforms for social change.