

NAEA 2014

## **Facilitating Teen Agency Through Reflective and Responsive Practices**

3/30/14, 11:00-11:50

### **Session Description:**

Staff from the Art Institute of Chicago will discuss outcomes and learning from the first year of its Teen Council, a leadership program intended to broaden the impact of the museum on teens around Chicago and reciprocally deepen the impact of teen perspective and voice within the museum. The session will focus on sharing and exploring best-practices and challenges around the design of a co-created teen program. Educators will highlight strategies used to achieve a balance between youth and museum voice within program planning and development, implement responsive and reflective curriculum that stems from youth ideas and perspectives, negotiate teen-defined goals and museum directives, and flexibly evaluate the program and participant progress throughout the duration of the program. Session attendees will explore this program model in depth and have the opportunity to discuss ideas for and ask questions about implementing a responsive and reflective teen program at their own institutions.

### **Presenters:**

Hillary Cook, Teen & Partnership Programs Coordinator, Art Institute of Chicago

Kendall Swett, Woman's Board Fellow in Museum Education, Art Institute of Chicago

### **Art Institute Teen Council Program Documentation:**

2013 Exhibition Insert You Here: <http://artinstituteteencouncil.tumblr.com/>

2014 Re:Imagine Teen Design Competition: <http://reimagine-artic.tumblr.com/>