



2024 YOUTH IMPACT REPORT

2024 YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

Every year, The Crucible connects with hundreds of young people. Our engaging and inspiring workshops, summer camps, Oakland Public School collaborations, and pre-professional training and leadership programs help solidify STEAM concepts, build confidence, explore artistic industrial career pathways, and develop problem-solving skills students can use in all aspects of their lives.

Through a graduated learning structure, students enroll in different programs, projects, and classes, culminating—for our most motivated youth—in paid positions as interns and teaching assistants.

While we scaled back our staffing and overall operations during 2024, programs for youth remained a priority.

Key statistics

1,400 Provided inspiring educational experiences to over 1,400 young people

50% Served 50% of all youth free of charge in classes, camps, and field trips

55 Distributed 55 youth scholarships to participate in the fine and industrial arts

23 Partnered with 23 Bay Area schools to provide field trips, workshops, hands-on presentations, and studio tours

GOALS

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To provide engaging, high-quality arts programming at a free or reduced cost to students across the Bay Area
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To inspire a new generation of fine and industrial artists, enriching the local community
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Create pathways for young people to begin to forge futures within the trades or arts-related programming after graduation
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Work alongside OUSD school partners to create sustainable, long-term in-school programming within the trades via the Crucible's faculty, facilities and available resources
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Create significant relationships with key stakeholders: youth, parents, schools, and community-based organizations
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Increase class and leadership opportunities for underserved young people from Oakland and the greater Bay Area to actively participate in the arts

2024 CRUCIBLE IMPACT TOTALS

Youth Field Trips:

Schools served: **23**
Students served: **669**

Summer Camps:

Classes: **102**
Youth served: **657**
Youth scholarships awarded: **55**

Fuego Youth Leadership Program

Youth served: **10**

Partnerships with OUSD

Partnerships with OUSD high
schools: **3**
Workshops with OUSD high
schools: **180**
Student Participants: **115**

McClymonds High School

Classes on site: **72**
Youth served: **35**

Rudsdale High School

Workshops at Crucible: **19**
Youth served: **55**

Castlemont High School

Classes on site: **89**
Youth served: **25**



YOUTH FIELD TRIPS

For many young people, The Crucible's free Field Trips offered to OUSD and Title I schools throughout the Bay are their first exposure to the industrial arts.

During our Field Trips, youth witness demonstrations by artists and industry experts in Glass Flameworking, Glass Blowing, Welding, Blacksmithing, Foundry, and more.

Instructors describe the processes, tools, and applications they use to make projects from metal, glass, and other materials, inspiring youth from K-12 to make connections between the arts and sciences. Our field trips support academic studies in schools, introduce young people to trade jobs and pathways, and are often where youth first learn about The Crucible's classes, youth scholarships, Fuego Youth Leadership Program, and more!



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"Learning glass sculpting and blowing will help me understand more about glass and appreciate glass more. I learned alot about working with others"

Emilio in Glass Blowing

List of participating schools:

Sequoia Elementary
Ygnacio Valley High
Edna Brewer Middle
Oakland Tech
Carl B Munck
Street Academy
Northern Light
Crocker Highlands
Martin Luther King Elementary
Aspire Academy
Peralta Elementary

San Leandro Unified
Luminary
Montclair Elementary
Benicia Middle
East Bay Arts High
Berkeley High
Walden Center
Latitude High
Meher Schools
Glenview Elementary
Two homeschool groups

SUMMER CAMPS

Throughout the year, we offer youth classes for ages 8-18 on weekends and half- and full-day camps during spring and summer. Students work with instructors to produce original works of art, connecting with artists and new friends, boosting students' confidence, and developing interpersonal skills in ways that are applicable to everyday life. The Crucible offers youth classes in 14 departments of study, including Welding, Woodworking, Textiles, Glass Blowing, Ceramics, Kinetics, and more. Crucible Summer and Spring camps are one of the most active times in our building for Youth Programming, with week-long camps running across all of our active youth department areas.



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"Learning soldering will help me solder things together which will help me in life. I learned that people sometimes need help but don't always ask."

Nimit Kumor in Electronics

"Patience and perseverance are skills I use here and will help me with people."

Avalon in Jewelry





FUEGO LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Fuego Leadership program, now in operation for 14 years, is a summer program available for students aged 15-18 who are interested in growing their skills within the industrial arts.

For Fuego Leaders who prefer learning hands-on, this program provides students the opportunity to grow trade and industry skills while commonly experiencing their first job or internship experience. We encourage students of all backgrounds and abilities to apply, and wish to provide this opportunity to youth who could truly benefit from having a mentor and supportive leadership program within their lives.

In 2024, our 10 interns continued on the legacy of our program, becoming part of the over 100 interns who have completed their time within the Fuego Program.

Fuego Youth Leadership Program

Youth served: **10**

"Part of being a Fuego is about helping teach the summer camp students. Helping teach the techniques we use every day helps us know them better."

Simha

"I think it's really cool to have fellow industrial arts friends who you can talk to about stuff. There's some kind of kinship there. That's a hidden benefit of the Fuego program—you can meet people who are really cool and do industrial arts with them!"

Rowan

PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUSD

In addition to field trips, summer camps and our Fuego program, The Crucible partnered with Oakland Unified School District to develop a number of programming opportunities including work with McClymonds High School, Castlemont High School, and Ruidsdale High School. Throughout the 2024 school year, our programming served 115 students across all of our school partnerships.

Our work with McClymonds consists of running on-site, school integrated Ceramics courses on each Monday and Thursday throughout the school year. At Castlemont, Crucible staff worked to provide an integrated Woodshop and 3D printing courses on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays throughout the school year. Working with Ruidsdale, an East Oakland continuation high school, we engaged in three-hour long workshops on a weekly basis at the Crucible. Cohorts of up to six students, switching every 12 weeks, choose their curriculum at the Crucible amongst all available departments, from Welding, Jewelry, Ceramics, Leather, Glass Flameworking, and more.

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