

The Noguchi Museum Teacher Think Tank

In the spirit of Isamu Noguchi's commitment to collaboration and experimentation, The Noguchi Museum invites classroom and museum educators to participate in its fifth year of the Teacher Think Tank. The cohort meets five times during the school year to collectively discuss and research topics related to school and museum education. **For the 2016–17 year, the Think Tank will take the form of a collaborative laboratory where participants will research the role of themes during school programs at museums.** Why do classroom and museum educators choose particular themes? When are non-themed tours, or particular themes more successful? Olga Hubard, Associate Professor of Art Education at Teachers College, will join the group for three sessions, investigating these and related questions. Throughout the year, we will develop our experimentations together as co-researchers, learning from each other through reflections and open dialogues.

The Think Tank will begin with two sessions at The Noguchi Museum, where we will use the galleries as motivation for our investigations, and proceeding meetings will take place at fellow Think Tank institutions. The Museum will serve as a resource for participants' research and teaching throughout the academic year. Participating classroom teachers are encouraged to bring a class to The Noguchi Museum for a tour and workshop free of charge.

2016-17 schedule of Teacher Think Tank Meetings

Thursday, October 27, 4:30–6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 8, 9:30 am–3:30 pm (Election Day)

Thursday, January 26, 4:30–6:30 pm

Thursday, March 16, 4:30–6:30 pm

Thursday, May 4, 4:30–7:30 pm

To apply to join the Teacher Think Tank, please complete the attached form or email the information requested. Please note, preference will be given to applicants who can commit to attending all five sessions. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and applicants will be notified as soon as possible and no later than Thursday, October 13.

If you have any questions, please call 718-204-7088 ext. 205 or email education@noguchi.org.



The Noguchi Museum Teacher Think Tank Application Form

To apply to be a member of The Noguchi Museum Teacher Think Tank, please submit this completed application, along with a current resume. These materials may be scanned and submitted to education@noguchi.org or mailed to:

Education Department, The Noguchi Museum, 32-37 Vernon Blvd, Long Island City, NY 11106.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

NAME _____

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION(S): _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SELECT ONE:

I am primarily a classroom teacher
(please answer question 1A below)

I am primarily a museum educator
(please answer question 1B below)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. **A (classroom teachers)** Describe a memorable experience collaborating with a museum educator OR taking your students to a museum. What made it memorable?

B (museum educators) Describe a memorable experience collaborating with one or more classroom teachers. What made it memorable?

2. What interests you about the Teacher Think Tank?

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL FIVE SESSIONS OF THE TEACHER THINK TANK?

YES NO

IF NOT, WHICH SESSION(S) WOULD YOU NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND? _____