

**A Guide for Artists and Arts Organizations in Santa Cruz:
Local Resources Addressing Equity, Inclusivity, and
Environmental Justice**



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Please consider: The Santa Cruz Arts Commission is committed to pursuing equity, inclusivity and environmental justice in all of our projects and programs. We recognize that historical and ongoing inequities, biases, and barriers exist and are perpetuated within communities and institutions unless they are directly and intentionally addressed and systematically changed. This Resource Guide is one way to learn about local community organizations and resources you may not be familiar with. Building relationships with partners, like those listed in this guide, is one way to achieve equitable and inclusive results. Likewise, included in this guide are a myriad of educational resources that you can share with your team or organization to help deepen an understanding of the need to systematically and intentionally address inequities in your programs, organizations and communities.

Cultural Celebrations and Film - Santa Cruz

Organization / Resources	Website / Contact	Videos & Media	Notes
Watsonville Film Festival	watsonvillefilmfest.org/	http://www.facebook.com/watsonvillefilmfestival	We are expanding and establishing ourselves as the Multicultural Film Festival of the Monterey Bay. We believe that film is a catalyst to spark conversations, expand possibilities and transform communities.
Imagine Disability Annual Film Festival	imaginesls.org/	http://imaginesls.org/our-videos/	Empowering people with developmental disabilities through service and advocacy.
Senderos - Guelaguetza	scsenderos.org/	https://www.facebook.com/scsenderos/	Senderos is a multi-service nonprofit creating pathways to success and building community by sharing Latino culture through cultural arts and by fostering educational opportunities. Senderos, meaning pathways, celebrates Latino culture and history through the artistic expression of dance and music, as well as supporting student academic success and adult basic education. Senderos provides equitable access to the arts by offering free after-school instruction with Centeotl Danza y Baile and Ensamble Musical. Linking young people to their heritage enhances self-esteem and promotes family unity. Performing at over 20 school and community events each year, Senderos stays connected to its Oaxacan roots with Vive Oaxaca Guelaguetza, an authentic cultural festival with dance, music, food, crafts presented every May. While representing their countries of origin with pride, Senderos participants bring art, culture, and community together to break down barriers and increase understanding and the acceptance of diversity throughout Santa Cruz County.
Mole & Mariachi Festival	http://thatsmypark.org/events/mole-and-mariachi/	https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSantaCruzStateParks/	The Mole & Mariachi Festival is a benefit for nonprofit Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks in support of Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park. Proceeds from the festival fund educational programs, visitor services and restoration at the Mission.

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Japanese Cultural Festival	jcsantacruz.org/		Since its founding in 1986, the fair has provided an opportunity for members of the Santa Cruz County community to increase their awareness and understanding of Japanese culture, both traditional and contemporary. Through the arts, crafts, and culture of Japan, the fair has brought together thousands of people, improving their understanding of our Pacific Rim neighbors, as well as enriching community life.
Jewish Film Festival	santacruzjewishfilmfestival.com	https://santacruzjewishfilmfestival.com/films/	Our mission is to bring high quality Jewish-themed independent films to Santa Cruz. We proudly share the richness and diversity of the Jewish experience through the magical lens of film.
Tannery World Dance & Cultural Festival	tanneryworlddance.com	https://www.facebook.com/TWDCC?rf=294951843934466	Tannery World Dance & Cultural Center(TWDCC) facilitates a working home for professional world & contemporary dance artists, while providing dance education that is committed to access, equity, and excellence.

Cultural and Racial Equity - Santa Cruz

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City of Salinas - Work with Race Forward	raceforward.org/content/building-we-healing-informed-governing-racial-equity-salinas	youtube.com/watch?v=3BIOApp8jw	Race Forward's mission is to build awareness, solutions, and leadership for racial justice by generating transformative ideas, information, and experiences. We define racial justice as the systematic fair treatment of people of all races, resulting in equitable opportunities and outcomes for all and we work to advance racial justice through media, research, and leadership development.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Santa Cruz	naacpsantacruz.com	facebook.com/NAACP SantaCruz/	Mission statement is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial and hatred discrimination.
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band	amahmutsun.org/	amahmutsun.org/archives/category/video	The Humunya Foundation of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band is a 501 (c) (3) Private Foundation under the Internal Revenue Code. As such, donations made to the Humunya Foundation are tax deductible. The Humunya Foundation was created to fund raise, facilitate Tribal cultural activities and conduct outreach to the public. Humunya Foundation's efforts to facilitate Tribal cultural activities and conduct outreach to the public, the Humunya Foundation is responsible for coordinating language classes, teaching jewelry making to both Tribal members and the public, help schedule dances and dance practices, coordinates our annual gathering, and offers activity booths at public events to introduce children to Mutsun culture and helps the Tribe in any way they can.
ACLU - Santa Cruz	santacruzclu.org/	https://youtu.be/5tANB_QxI54	Non-partisan, not-for-profit, civil liberties organization founded in 1920 "to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution.
Barrios Unidos	http://www.barriosunidos.net/	https://www.facebook.com/Santa-Cruz-Barrios-Unidos-631072136978200/	To promote multicultural social justice, nonviolence and economic equity through cultural healing, civic leadership and youth & community development.
Community Bridges	https://communitybridges.org/	https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBridgesSC/	Our mission is to deliver essential services, provide equitable access to resources, and advocate for health and dignity across every stage of life.
Beach Flats Community Center	https://communitybridges.org/nvcr/	https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBridgesSC	The Beach Flats Community Center & Familia Center are now known as Nueva Vista Community Resources. Here, our compassionate staff build a warm, friendly, safe place for the Santa Cruz community to access resources that offer stability and hope for the future. Nueva Vista Community Resources is part of the Community Bridges family of programs.

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Resource Center for Nonviolence	rcnv.org/	https://www.facebook.com/rcnvsc/	The Resource Center for Nonviolence, founded in 1976, is a peace and justice organization promoting the practice of nonviolent social change. Located in Santa Cruz, California, we cultivate relationships with allies around California, across the United States, in Latin America, the Middle East and elsewhere. Our primary mission is to support the growth of nonviolent activists. The Center hosts activists and analysts from nonviolent struggles around the world.
Science and Justice Research Center (UCSC)	scijust.ucsc.edu/	https://vimeo.com/173668218	"A globally unique endeavor that innovates experimental spaces, engages in collaborative research practices, and fosters emerging alliances between seemingly disparate sectors, disciplines and communities."
Davenport Resource Service Center	https://cabinc.org/drsc/	https://www.facebook.com/CommunityActionBoardSC	Provides services to support the culturally diverse and low-income populations of the rural north coast. Emergency and prevention services include food and clothing distribution, education for teens and children, support for seniors, transportation, form-filling and references. Also provide services for teens via the North Coast Teen Center.
Tent of Abraham	tofasantacruz.org/	n/a	Jews, Muslims, and Christians celebrating our common roots and branches through meals, learning events and service projects.

Environmental Justice - Santa Cruz

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The Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment	https://crpe-ej.org/en/	https://www.facebook.com/CRPE.EJ/	Our mission is to achieve environmental justice and healthy, sustainable communities through collective action and the law. CRPE is a national environmental justice organization providing legal, organizing, and technical assistance to grassroots groups in low-income communities and communities of color. Based in Oakland and Delano.
Regeneracion: Pajaro Valley Climate Action	https://www.regenerationpajarovalley.org	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVs6AwiNj18	“Regeneración was founded on the principle that climate change is a social justice issue with local impacts and must be engaged with on a local level in order to build resilient communities.”
Ecology Action	https://ecoact.org	https://www.facebook.com/ecologyaction	Organizes Bike to Work Days, water conservation programs.

LGBTQ Resources - Santa Cruz

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The Diversity Center of Santa Cruz	http://www.diversitycenter.org	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saNfZPa431I	The Diversity Center reaches approximately 10,000 individuals that we serve directly through our onsite programs, outreach and education events, our work with school-based Gay/Straight Alliances, and our Triangle Speakers program.
Lionel Cantu GLBTI Resource Center at UCSC	www.queer.ucsc.edu queer@ucsc.edu Tel: 831-459-2468	https://www.facebook.com/cantu.q.center/	The Lionel Cantu Queer Resource Center is the nexus of support and advocacy for the LGBTQIA+ community at the University of California, Santa Cruz. We create co-curricular experiences with students, staff and faculty to build a more inclusive campus community for queer and trans people.
The Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center (San Jose)	https://www.defrankcenter.org/	https://www.facebook.com/billydefrank/	Our mission is to provide a broad array of opportunities and programs, a dedicated and caring staff, a corps of volunteers, and a spirit of community that celebrates the many facets of our broad-based Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender constituency.
TransGender San Francisco	http://www.tgsf.org/	https://www.facebook.com/TransGenderSF/	TransGender San Francisco is a non-profit corporation dedicated to serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the transgendered community. TGSF is also dedicated to educating the general public about transgenderism and promoting a positive image of transgendered persons among the general public. The transgendered community includes all transgendered persons, their family and friends, and anyone with a sincere interest in the transgendered.

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Jazzie's Place	https://www.dscs.org/housing	https://www.facebook.com/DolorStreetCommunityServices/	A San Francisco adult emergency shelter with LGBT targeted beds.
Out in Our Faith	https://www.tbeaptos.org/out-in-our-faith.html	http://www.pflagscc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Out-in-our-faith.pdf	Coalition of Santa Cruz Faith organization who promote full inclusion of LGBTQ families, couples and individuals in their houses of worship
10 things we can do to support our children who are questioning their gender	https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/life/2016/07/07/transgender-children-tips-for-parents/86738822/	n/a	https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7nC1iR_YX_LpZzJ1aml3RIRmMm8/view
Gender Spectrum	https://www.genderspectrum.org/	https://www.genderspectrum.org/staging/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/facebookk.jpg	A Berkeley-based organization and yearly conference for transgender and gender non-conforming youth and their families
Small Business Guide to Success in the LGBTQ Market (Best Practices)	https://www.websiteplanet.com/blog/smb-guide-success-lgbtq-market-best-practices/		The LGBTQ market is one of the fastest-growing sectors out there, and it's becoming an increasingly valuable customer base across all industries. In fact, according to GayStar News, a conservative estimate on the size of the global LGBTQ market is \$3.7 trillion – that's a huge market that could be left out of your customer base unless you take the right steps. This community is also particularly sensitive to social issues.

Disabilities - Physical and Mental - Santa Cruz

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Claraty Arts	http://www.claratyarts.com/	http://www.facebook.com/10213183912940307	The Claraty Arts Project is an arts program, studio and gallery in Santa Cruz. It is one of three services operated by Mainstream, Inc., a Santa Cruz based organization committed to the equality and empowerment of developmentally and intellectually disabled people. Its purpose is to support and advance the development of a new, positive, collective identity for developmentally disabled adults via arts education, training, expression and production.
Housing Choices	www.housingchoices.org	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eq2PVgcPrIg	Housing for people with developmental disabilities.
San Andreas Regional Center	https://www.sanandreasregional.org/		Serving people with developmental disabilities: San Andreas Regional Center is a community-based, private nonprofit corporation that is funded by the State of California to serve people with developmental disabilities as required by the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Act. The Lanterman Act is part of California law that sets out the rights and responsibilities of persons with developmental disabilities. San Andreas is one of 21 Regional Centers throughout California serving individuals and their families who reside within Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties.
California Rural Legal Assistance	California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	https://www.crla.org/mission	CRLA serves low-income individuals residing in over 22 California counties. As rural areas and small cities of California continue to change, so does our outreach and service to diverse communities. Today, CRLA serves a wide array of clients, while maintaining specialized programs that focus on services for farmworker populations. CRLA clients also include individuals with disabilities, immigrant populations, school children, lesbian/gay/bisexual and transgender populations, seniors and individuals with limited English proficiency.
Creativity Explored, San Francisco	https://www.creativityexplored.org/	http://www.facebook.com/creativityexplored	Creativity Explored exists to provide people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to express themselves through the creation of art. Additionally, we provide studio artists the opportunity to earn income from the sale of their artwork and to pursue a livelihood as a visual artist to the fullest extent possible. A key focus of Creativity Explored's services is to support those individuals with developmental disabilities who wish to become self-employed artists in creating and operating fully viable and profitable businesses.
Shared Adventures Santa Cruz	https://www.sharedadventures.org/	https://www.facebook.com/SharedAdventures/	A non-profit organization dedicated to improving quality of life for those with disabilities, we believe that art, recreation, fun, challenge, and access to the outdoors are essential to health and fulfillment.
Portraits of Hope	http://www.portraitsofhope.org/	https://www.facebook.com/portraitsofhope2019/	Public Art projects that celebrate and include people with disabilities and sick children
How Every Day Language Harms People with Disabilities (article)	https://howwegettonext.com/how-everyday-language-harms-people-with-disabilities-f22d8d62b51		

Conflict Resolution Restorative Justice - Santa Cruz

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Conflict Resolution Center of Santa Cruz County	831-475-6117 http://www.crcsantacruz.org		The Conflict Resolution Center offers affordable, accessible mediation and training to residents of Santa Cruz County.

Homelessness Housing - Santa Cruz

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Homeless Services Center	https://www.santacruzshsc.org/ (831) 458-6020 115 Coral Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (831)-458-6020 (831) 454-2080 River		Provides and refers many resources including to the 32 bed River Street Shelter, laundry facilities, bag storage, bathrooms, voicemail, bus passes, job referrals, rental deposit assistance, housing placement, and the County Health Services Agency:
Downtown Streets Team	https://www.streetsteam.org		<p>We provide homeless and low-income men and women with the resources they need to rebuild their lives. First, they volunteer on one of our teams and begin working collaboratively on beautification projects. Team Members are held accountable and trusted to complete tasks, show up on time, and work well with others. Those who show dedication and leadership skills have the ability to rise up to become Team Leads, then Managers, and supervise others with little or no supervision from staff.</p> <p>In return, Team Members receive a non-cash stipend to help cover their basic needs, while taking advantage of our case management and employment services to find housing and a job. Our ultimate goal is to transition Team Members into employment because having a job restores hope and opens the door to other opportunities. Our model is structured to be a one-year transitional program into permanent housing and employment.</p>
Food Not Bombs	https://santacruz.foodnotbombs.net/		Three Principles of Food Not Bombs
Homeless Garden Project	http://www.homelessgardenproject.org/		Homelessness and joblessness go hand in hand. Lack of job skills, recent work history, social support network and low self esteem all make the transition out of homelessness more difficult. The integrated approach of the Homeless Garden Project's programs addresses all of these needs.
Santa Cruz County Housing Authority	2931 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (831) 469-4272		Provides housing assistance for the low and moderate income residents of Santa Cruz County. Hours: 8AM–5PM
Shelter Project	https://www.needhelpayingbills.com/html/the_shelter_project_housing_pr.html		Administers housing assistance across Santa Cruz County, including referrals, financial aid, and legal assistance. Emergency motel vouchers may be available along with food stamp and meal assistance. Santa Cruz (831)457-1741.
Second Harvest Food Bank	https://www.thefoodbank.org/		Second Harvest Food Bank's Community Food Hotline P.O. Box 990, Watsonville, CA 95077 – (831)662-0991.
Salvation Army	721 Laurel Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (831) 426-8365		Emergency assistance programs providing food, clothing, energy assistance, shelter, as well as character building.

Immigrants and Refugees - Santa Cruz

Organization / Resources	Website / Contact	Videos & Media	Notes
Santa Cruz County Immigration Project	Phone: (831) 724-5667 Location: 406 Main St Suite 217 Watsonville, CA 95076 Contact methods: Drop-in, Email, Fax, Mail/Letter, Phone calls http://cabinc.org/2017/04/21/santa-cruz-county-immigration-project-sccip/		Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Employment authorization, Family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions. Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS. Administrative advocacy (CIS/ICE/CBP), Citizenship / Civics classes, Legal Orientation Programs (LOP) / Know Your Rights Presentations (KYR), Legislative advocacy (state or national), Referrals to other services. Domestic Violence Victims, Farm workers, Individuals who are not in legal immigration status, Individuals with criminal histories, Individuals with physical/mental disabilities, Juveniles, Lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender.
Puentes Initiative: Legal Studies UCSC	https://legalstudies.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/puentes-initiative.html		The Legal Studies program is proud to be a founding organizer and supporter of the Puentes Initiative. Puentes is a new campus-community collaboration focused on improving immigrant legal aid, support, and empowerment in Santa Cruz. The goal is to build bridges between UCSC and the local community to help close the access to justice gap for local immigrants and refugees. It emerged with support from Legal Studies, Oakes College/CARA, and local legal aid groups and community organizations.

Food Justice and Farmer Worker's Rights - Santa Cruz

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Food What?	http://www.foodwhat.org/		FoodWhat uses food as the vehicle for youth to build power. FoodWhat uses healthy sustainable food and farming as a medium for providing a bountiful, relevant toolkit that youth use to step into their power and break cycles of poverty.
Amah Mutsun Relearning Project and the UCSC Arboretum	https://arboretum.ucsc.edu/education/relearning-program/	https://www.facebook.com/UCSCArboretum/	The UC Santa Cruz Arboretum & Botanic Garden's mission is connecting people with plants.
Center for Farmworker Families	http://www.farmworkerfamily.org/		Centered in Watsonville but working across California, the purpose of the Center for Farmworker Families is to promote awareness about the difficult life circumstances of binational farmworker families while proactively inspiring improvement in binational family life both in the United States and in Mexico.
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