



materials for the arts

NYC DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Volunteer with Materials for the Arts!

We are New York City's Premier Reuse Center for Arts and Cultural Organizations.



Check out the ways we impact our community and see how you can get involved!



Each year MFTA
diverts nearly
two million pounds
of reusable materials
from landfills.



-2,000,000 lbs.



Truck loads of surplus materials are brought to our Long Island City warehouse everyday.

They are then processed as inventory and made available free of charge to public schools and nonprofits with arts programs. The work of our members and their Creative REuse practices impacts millions of people across New York City.



Along with collecting, organizing, and distributing materials, MFTA is an education center instilling and empowering community members with the sustainable concepts of **Creative REuse.**



A woman with short dark hair, wearing a black shirt and a light-colored apron, is seated at a table, looking down at a silver laptop. The table is cluttered with various items: a large, colorful, abstract sculpture made of stacked blocks and fabric pieces to her left; a clear plastic cup, a white container, and some fabric scraps in front of her; and a blue and white patterned bag to her right. A dashed green line starts from the top left, curves around the sculpture, passes behind the woman, and ends near the bottom right. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The overall scene suggests a creative workshop or studio environment.

Envision a future with less waste & more art.

By offering hands-on events, workshops, field trips, and classes MFTA enhances the way people perceive and experience reuse.

**Making all of this
happen takes a
community
effort.**

That's where you come in.





There is always work
to be done at MFTA!





“Bringing our team to MFTA was **amazing, we had our people folding fabric, sorting through mountains of books, and helping to organize the merchandise.”**

- Riely Clough, Droga5

“Volunteering with Materials for the Arts is a **no-brainer. Whether you’re an environmentalist, an arts enthusiast or passionate about education, there’s a way for everyone to connect to the mission.”**

- Eddie Jones, eBay





Year after year, numerous NYC based businesses and industry leaders pledge their commitment to the MFTA mission.

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Bloomberg



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J.P.Morgan

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**Let's work together to
champion Creative REuse,
reconsider sustainability, &
redefine what is disposable.**

**MFTA offers a variety of
opportunities for your
volunteer group. Contact
us for a package to fit
your needs.**





**We look forward
to hearing from you.**

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