

Houston Institute for Culture

Mission Statements

Simple

Cultural literacy - Social innovation

Brief

The mission of Houston Institute for Culture is to achieve higher quality of life standards through cultural literacy and social innovation.

In-depth

To achieve higher quality of life standards, Houston Institute for Culture promotes cultural knowledge and experience through public arts and topical programs, and innovative approaches to social change through education about cultural influences - history, media, religion, arts, environment, and economics. The organization improves cultural literacy and cross-cultural participation through free and low-cost events featuring traditional arts, creative expression and modern media. It inspires social innovation through forums, community dialog and meaningful social interaction to increase community involvement and circulate the best, most effective ideas to improve communities.

Houston Institute for Culture, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, provides additional services and classes through unique outreach centers to meet the cultural self-determination and media accessibility needs of Houston communities, including marginalized and displaced populations, youth and immigrants.

Houston Institute for Culture is the managing agency responsible for educational events, research and service projects of its outreach centers. The organization's sphere of interest is Houston, the regions that have affected Houston's cultural history and the international origins of Houston's diverse population.

Center mission statements:

The Digital Story Resource Center promotes community uses of digital technologies to express ideas, explore issues, tell family stories and bridge cultural divides. The center establishes effective cross-cultural communication as a result of broad interest in highly accessible digital art forms. Youth initiatives of the Digital Story Resource Center help children develop their ideas and communication skills. Community outreach efforts and public services of the center promote media literacy and accessibility.

Youth Development Center - Houston Institute for Culture youth development programs promote civic engagement, scholarship and community leadership.

Camp Dos Cabezas provides children from at-risk communities with the experience of a lifetime to help them achieve success in their lives.

Students for a Better Houston is a serious-minded student organization dedicated to making Houston a better place for future generations.