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# Community Discussion on Creative Economy Development and Advocacy

Tuesday, January 29, 2019, 3:30-5 pm  
Location: Nicolet College Theater, Rhinelander

**Hosted by:** Arts Wisconsin and Grow North, with assistance from Artstart Rhinelander, Nicolet College, Oneida County Economic Development Corporation, and the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Free and open to the public! RSVP to Arts Wisconsin at [info@artswisconsin.org](mailto:info@artswisconsin.org)**

Join Arts Wisconsin, Wisconsin's community cultural development organization, and local hosts Grow North, Artstart Rhinelander, Nicolet College, Oneida County Economic Development Corporation, and the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce for a community discussion about creative economy development and growth in the Northwoods and throughout the state.

Wisconsin's creative industries are a force for change in the region and beyond, with impacts on economic vitality, dynamic workforce, education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, vibrant communities, and engaged residents. Wisconsin's Northwoods is full of creative entrepreneurs and centers adding to the region's vitality and economic base. At the meeting, state and regional leaders will discuss cultural and creative economy development as critical strategies for 21<sup>st</sup> century growth. The meeting will include a group discussion about the ways in which the creative sector and creative collaborations benefit workforce development, entrepreneurship, cultural development and quality of life in the Northwoods and the state overall.

In addition, the new year brings many civic and political changes and opportunities locally, statewide and nationally, with a new Governor, Lt. Governor, and administration, and new and returning state legislators and US Congressional members. The Legislature is now in session, and the 2019-2021 state budget season will kick off when Gov. Evers introduces his budget in mid-February. Elected officials will be making decisions about money, priorities, and programs that affect lives and communities. It's critically important that people who care about the quality of life and economic vitality in their local community stay in the know and take action.

Anne Katz, Executive Director of Arts Wisconsin, will provide an update on the state's political landscape and Arts Wisconsin's policy and action agenda, including **Arts Day 2019** on Tuesday, March 12 at the Overture Center for the Arts in downtown Madison.

This is an informal, participatory discussion - free and open to the public. Those interested in innovative paths forward for economic and community growth are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served! **RSVP to Arts Wisconsin at [info@artswisconsin.org](mailto:info@artswisconsin.org)** (it's not mandatory to RSVP, but it helps us know how many people to expect).

