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Re: Reference Letter for David Kibuuka

On behalf of all the staff at the Immigrant Youth Centre, I would like to extend our full application to you for your wonderful and visionary work with the youth through the Modern Batik Workshops. We came across your program by chance through your website and were instantly intrigued by this unique approach to creative expression for youth.

From the first phone conversation to our final day of painting, you have been extraordinarily helpful, resourceful, and insightful. The youth participants were all engaged with the program and the overall process. All of the participants expressed interest in returning to further expand their knowledge of this process, which is a great sign of success. You brought a sincere energy and enthusiasm that translated into passion for the youth. Every part of the process was engaging and involved active participation from the youth, no time was wasted with anything, and the final artwork was remarkably beautiful.

We held a small showcase for the participants to display their work and the response was overwhelming. Being an artist myself, and having experience with youth art programs, I must say that the results of this beginner program were among the best I have ever seen. Everyone at the centre is eagerly awaiting your return to run the next level of training and we all hope to carry the Batik Art movement on for as long as we can.

In closing I would like to thank you again for your passion, vision, creativity, and your empowering approach towards art. I personally hope to learn more from you to help me guide my passion through art. You are a great instructor, overall great person, and great mentor.

Sincerely

Amir Akbari

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