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SPACES TO TEACH & LEARN

ATD Fourth World creates spaces and opportunities to learn from each other.

Teaching and learning are fundamental to ATD Fourth World’s work to create an inclusive society. Everyone has wisdom, expertise, and stories to offer. Everyone has intelligence, needs, and the vulnerability to learn. A relationship of teaching and learning is most fruitful between those of different experiences, perspectives, and histories. Learning from each other, we develop new knowledge and possibilities.

We need your help to create and maintain spaces to teach and learn.
Please Donate Today.

ATD Fourth World’s centers in New York City and in Gallup, New Mexico are spaces where people very different from each other can teach and learn. They also serve as bases for Story Garden and other program preparation, planning rooms for United Nations testimonies and side events, welcoming places for both local and international ATD Fourth World members, and lodging for Volunteer Corps members.

Our work requires spaces to gather. Especially for those of us who have few, if any, places to gather safely, coming together gives us a sense of self-worth and hope. We all grow stronger where we feel listened to and valued. Strengthened, we can better meet the challenges of daily life. Most importantly, **ATD Fourth World offers spaces that center the knowledge of people with first-hand experience to develop solutions based on this expertise.**

The Gallup workspace is rented. The New York Fourth World House is owned by ATD Fourth World. Our expenses, including utilities, taxes and general upkeep are budgeted for **\$45,000 in 2023.**

Please help us keep these important gathering spaces! Donate Today.

ATD Fourth World spaces for teaching & learning (and more).

Teaching and learning are as natural and necessary as breathing and eating and are at the heart of our movement to *eradicate poverty*.

We learn to survive and to grow, to create beauty and to express ourselves, to weave community, offer healing, and establish justice. When we teach, we share what we have learned to strengthen bonds, to help others open to their own truths, and to maintain continuity between the wisdom of ancestors and the hope of future generations.

Wherever ATD Fourth World goes, we listen to local wisdom and find threshold spaces, those gathering places where all are welcome to teach and to learn, enriching the world with unique insights kindled by experiences of pain and grace, brokenness and joy, betrayal and trust, isolation and solidarity.

A sense of belonging flourishes among those gathered whose paths might not normally cross.

The resulting collective wisdom, rooted in the expertise of people with lived experiences of poverty, serves as a balm to heal exclusion and a vital tool to end poverty.



Different generations learn from each other at Story Gardens.



All occasions, including building a shade structure, are opportunities to teach and learn. Harry talks about this in this video: youtu.be/1Qq4G4Z-ljw



In the **ATD Fourth World workspace in Gallup, New Mexico** and the **Fourth World House in New York City**, people from different walks of life gather in creative ways to learn from each other. Our centers are also places to welcome members as well as to prepare, reflect on and evaluate all of our work, complete our administrative tasks, lodge Volunteer Corps members and more.

ATD Fourth World centers **welcome local and international members**. In Gallup, one couple came by the workspace with their SNAP renewal application to complete with our help. Another parent came by because she wanted to laminate a beautiful drawing her son had made for her. In this photo, Matt, from Mexico, is visiting in our Gallup workspace.



Togetherness Events in the New York Fourth World House are a community gathering where creativity and friendships blossom through art, writing, and other activities. Learning and creating together lead to deep conversations and sharing our lives. Similar gatherings happen at ATD Fourth World **Community Lunches** in Gallup.

Fourth World People's University (FWPU), which takes place in the New York Fourth World House, is a participatory learning forum where people from different socio-economic backgrounds meet and learn from one another, creating new understanding and knowledge on poverty-related issues.



ATD Fourth World centers are where we **prepare programs** such as Story Garden: cleaning and sorting materials each week, debriefing and discussing lessons and new ideas, and material preparation for the next Story Garden. The Gallup workspace also stores and prepares the exhibits and learning kits for the **Learning with Dakota** program with schools and libraries.