

Tracy Kelly Executive Director of the Los Angeles Arts Alliance is the former Executive Director of Art Share Los Angeles as well as the former Program Director, Tracy has more than 12 years of experience in arts programming for youth and emerging artist. Taking this experience and her experience in event planning, and stewardship, Tracy jumped at the opportunity to help Peter Drivas make a difference for the many art organizations and programs within the City of Los Angeles that provide assistance and educational opportunities for our youth and emerging artists. “I truly believe that artists are healers. They really see are world and they try to “paint a picture” of their perspective of it. We can learn so much about how to connect to each other from art if we just take the time to look. Especially the art that comes from our youth, they are the youngest participant of this world and they are trying to show us how they feel using the oldest art of communication. We continue to learn about our past, present and future, through art. If we pay attention, we can heal and move forward.”

With a background in Social Services and now a certified Life Coach, Tracy has many years of experience creating community programs for non-profit organizations such as Art Share, The City of Beverly Hills, All Saints Church in Pasadena, Paradise Baptist Church in South Central and the Museum of Tolerance. Prior to her decision to become active in the creating of community art programs, Tracy worked over 10 years managing trade shows and other corporate events across the United States. “When I thought about creating events for young adults and even more sophisticated adults, events that would make a significant impact, dare I say an emotional impact; art always seemed to be the vehicle that connected us all. The thing that makes us empathize, and then empower one another.

Not everyone learns the same. The look on a persons face, when they see a piece of art, a play, a dance or musical performance that inspires, educates and/or motivates them is what I live for. There is nothing that can compare with educating through art.