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Let's Change the World Together

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Now - I know you want to hear all about the exciting projects of Art to Change the World's new program Glitter Renaissance Group but first I must tell you about this interesting photo.

There is a good reason I chose to show you a picture of my homemade bowtie. It isn't your typical fabric bowtie but instead it is one made out of copper. When making it I used a technique called electroforming which basically means I grew the copper. This was done by covering a 3D printed shape in conductive paint and putting that in an electrified copper solution. A solid piece of copper would be too heavy to wear around my neck but by using electroforming the bowtie is lightweight and has an amazing bubbly texture.

Life is all about growth. So just like my bowtie, Art to Change the World (ACW) is always looking for ways to expand on the wonderful experiences they provide. One of the ways ACW does this is by hiring interns to help explore new opportunities. The big happening of this summer was how the interns helped form a subdivision of ACW called the Glitter Renaissance Group.

Glitter Renaissance Group or GRG for short was created to connect those with modern ideas and new talents to those with experience and years of knowledge. It gathers ACW's interns, young adults, and some of the leaders within the organization to inspire a variety of creative projects. The goal of this unique collaboration is to find new ways of bringing people together while sharing beautiful and thought-provoking art.

Even in its early stages GRG had big dreams. Our current projects will be covering many topics including BIPOC, LGBTQ, disability, trauma, and the environment. If you are interested in any of these subjects or have your own idea for social change think about joining GRG. We are all about empowering the voices of the increasingly visible divergent people in our community.

Art to Change the World is a wonderful organization. It has connected me to some amazing people, helped me have new experiences, and I've learned so much about the art world and the importance of feeling empowered. I graduated college around the height of COVID 19 and had to put art on the back burner a bit. Joining ACW this summer was one of the best opportunities to come my way. Getting to have art front and center in my life again has been wonderful. I would encourage anyone who loves art or just wants to support social change to check out ACW and think about joining our fantastic organization.

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