

The entertainment industry serves as a powerful platform for storytelling, cultural expression, and creative innovation, and it is vital that its workforce reflects the diversity of the world we live in.

Handy Foundation is proud to provide as a workforce development organization to ensure underrepresented communities—including people of color, women, LGBTQ+ individuals and people with disabilities that have historically faced systemic barriers are able to access career pathways within the entertainment industry.

Handy Foundation apprenticeship training programs provide critical opportunities for hands-on learning, mentorship, and career development, bridging the gap between aspiration and access for emerging talent in the entertainment industry.

Handy Foundation is committed to empowering the next generation of creatives and entertainment industry leaders by creating inclusive and equitable apprenticeship opportunities that foster diversity and representation across all sectors of entertainment; and

Through training and guidance of seasoned professionals and meaningful industry experiences, apprentices gain the skills, confidence, and networks necessary to thrive in a competitive and evolving industry.

Apprenticeship Day celebrates the transformative power of opportunity, the spirit of mentorship, and the resilience of those breaking barriers to build a more just and inclusive entertainment industry.

Handy Foundation hereby recognizes and celebrates Apprenticeship Day and reaffirms our dedication to cultivating a future in entertainment that is inclusive, diverse, and representative of all communities.

We proudly issue this proclamation and encourage our partners, allies, and community members to honor this day with actions that support apprentices and expand opportunity for all.

Signed this April, 30th 2025

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