



NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter

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“When we do this advocacy...we are doing it on our own terms, that is sustainable for us, that builds the community we need to stay alive.”

— Omari Maynard

Co-Founder of the ARIAH Foundation, 2022 NCLS Keynote Speaker

Welcome to the October 2022 edition of the NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter, with highlights from Vital Village’s 2022 National Community Leadership Summit hosted on October 18-19. We are excited to share some powerful learning from the Summit, and opportunities, resources, and tools to sustain engagement in the work of *Crafting our Legacy*.

Bienvenido a la edición de octubre de 2022 del boletín informativo del foro de innovación de NOW, con los aspectos más destacados de la Conferencia Nacional de Liderazgo Comunitario 2022 de Vital Village celebrada el 18 y 19 de octubre. Estamos emocionados de compartir algunos aprendizajes poderosos de la Cumbre y oportunidades, recursos y herramientas para mantener el compromiso en el trabajo de *crear nuestro legado*.

2022 National Community Leadership Summit!



The Price of the Ticket: Authoring a New Birth Equity Story. Featuring words from - Joyce Clark, founder of the Birthingheirs Project; Jessica Roach and Dorian Wingard from the Advisory Council at Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (ROOTT)

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At this year's Summit, over 450 leaders from around the globe gathered to learn with and from one another on how to leverage collective action for love, liberation and joy. From the featured speakers we were invited to become students of joy in our daily work of social transformation, to build intergenerational and intersectional leadership in our coalitions, to find pathways for advocacy at the local and national levels, and to build power in our movements through art, creativity, humanity, and connection. Check out additional highlights on our [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) stories, using our summit hashtags #2022NCLS #OurLegacy. And, stay tuned to the [NOW Blog](#) for more featured reflections on the impact of VVN's 2022 NCLS Summit.

This year's Summit wouldn't be possible without the thoughtful and creative guidance from our Community Steering Committee, technology and language justice partners, support from our sponsors, and the stewardship of our village staff. If you are interested in learning more about future opportunities to participate in the Summit Community Steering Committee, please email village_summit@bmc.org.



Network Highlights and Updates





Child Wellbeing Tracker 2.0

The Child Wellbeing Tracker (CWT) was developed collaboratively by the NOW Learning Community, 10 community-led coalitions, to capture the collective actions and impact towards advancing child wellbeing. We are recruiting members for the 2022-2023 cohort who will co-design the tool to track metrics and dimensions most important to their collective work.

Sign-up to learn more about the CWT and how to join the design cohort.

[Sign up here!](#)

Applications Now Open: 2023 Community Food Systems Fellowship Program

Are you a food systems advocate in your local region? Do you know anyone who is doing innovative food systems work? If so, we encourage you to apply or nominate someone for our 2023 Community Food Systems Fellowship! We are looking for emerging community leaders from various communities across the country who are committed to food justice and equity in the food system.

Applications are due **Monday, November 7, 2022**. Please feel free to share this opportunity with leaders in your networks that you feel would be a good fit. Click below to learn more and begin your application.

[Apply here!](#)





**NOW Workshop:
Food as a Public Work**

Pantaleon Florez III,
Owner and Operator of
Maseualkualli Farms, and
Vital Village Networks
2022 Community Food
Systems Fellow

**Moderator: Ronda
Alexander**, Director of
National Partnerships,
Vital Village Networks

Date/time: Thursday, November 17, 2022 @ 1-2pm Eastern

Registration: <https://bit.ly/nov-2022-webinar-food-as-a-public-work>



Workshop: Food as a Public Work

The NOW 2022 Webinar Series “*Levers of Change in Action: Unpacking the NOW Playbook*” will wrap-up on **Thursday, November 17th at 1 pm ET** with a featured workshop on the **Food As a Public Work Campaign** that seeks to reintegrate private lands into public commons while enacting food and agricultural producer justice via a targeted universalism approach.

Facilitated by - Pantaleon Florez III, Owner and Operation of Maseualkualli Farms, and Vital Village Networks 2022 Community Food Systems Fellow

Moderated by: Ronda Alexander, Director of National Partnerships, Vital Village Networks

Register here!

Data Storytelling Workshop Series

Join Vital Village for a free, virtual Data Storytelling workshop series and build your capacity to create and share stories that support social change using data tools.

This opportunity is open to all Vital Village and NOW Network resident champions and organizational partners. Monthly meetings will be held January through April 2023. *No previous experience with data is required.*

Please join us for our introductory call on **December 7, 2022 at 5:30 - 6:30pm ET.**

Sign up here!



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The NOW community hopes to stay connected and lift up the work and stories of all of our members. Follow and tag us on Twitter, [@NOW_WellChild](#) & [@Vital_Village](#), so that we can virtually highlight the community led transformation you are leading.

Engage with us!



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