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“The moment we choose to love we begin to move against domination, against oppression. The moment we choose to love we begin to move towards freedom, to act in ways that liberate ourselves and others.”

bell hooks

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Welcome to the March 2024 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter](#). We are excited to share additional opportunities and resources with you! In this edition you'll find:

- March 14 Webinar Archive, *Activating Community Power: A conversation with Boston City Councilor Julia Mejia*
- NOW Leadership Article Spotlight, *Supporting Youth Leadership in Community Organizing: An Interview with Meiyi Coleman*
- Funding Opportunities: Third Wave Fund's Mobilize Power Fund and Cultural Week of Action on Race and Democracy
- NOW Resource Library featured resource, *Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities through Policy and Advocacy*

Thank you for your commitment to children, families, and communities and for joining us as we journey through another year together.

Bienvenido a la edición de marzo de 2024 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). ¡Estamos emocionados de compartir oportunidades y recursos adicionales con usted! En esta edición encontrará:

- Archivo del Seminario Virtual del 14 de marzo, *Activando el Poder de la Comunidad: Una Conversación con la Concejal de la Ciudad de Boston Julia Mejia*
- Artículo Destacado de NOW Leadership, *Apoyando el Liderazgo Juvenil en la Organización Comunitaria: Una Entrevista con Meiyi Coleman*
- Oportunidades de Financiamiento: Fondo de Poder de Movilización de la Tercera Ola y la Semana de Acción Cultural sobre Raza y Democracia
- Recurso destacado de la Biblioteca de Recursos de NOW, *Movilización Acción en Favor de las Comunidades Resilientes a través de la Política y la Abogacía*

Gracias por su dedicación a los niños, las familias y las comunidades, y por acompañarnos mientras navegamos a través de otro año juntos.

Network Highlights

Webinar Archive: Activating Community Power: A Conversation with Boston City Councilor Julia Mejia

Thank you for joining us earlier this month for the launch of our 2024 webinar series, featuring a dynamic conversation with **Boston City Councilor Julia Mejia**, a long-time community leader and advocate who has worked tirelessly to build community power through civic engagement efforts that increase participation in the political process. View the recording and other session materials at the webinar archive link below.

[View Archive](#)



NOW Leadership Article Spotlight: *Supporting Youth Leadership in Community Organizing: An Interview with Meyiya Coleman*



Meyiya Coleman's activism journey began at the young age of 8-years-old, growing up in the North Lawndale community in Chicago. In this piece, Meyiya shares her reflection as a leader, mentor and advocate for young people to organize and lead change in their communities, including through her current role as the Healing Through Justice Trainer with Communities United. Learn more about her story and insights around centering youth leadership in community organizing work.

[Read Here](#)

Funding Opportunity: Third Wave Fund's Mobilize Power Fund

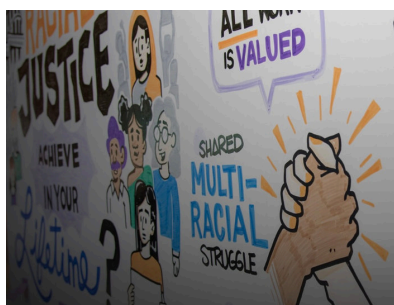
The Mobilize Power Fund is a rapid response fund that resources gender justice organizations to adapt or pivot their work when met with unanticipated, time-sensitive opportunities or threats to their movement building work and organizing conditions. Apply by written application, video, or phone.

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Funding Opportunity: Cultural Week of Action on Race and Democracy



Race Forward and Americans for the Arts are seeking proposals from local organizations for funding to participate in the first annual Cultural Week of Action on Race and Democracy (CWA) this September 27 to October 5, 2024. Through a competitive process, 12-15 local communities that represent the diversity of our country will receive \$25,000-\$40,000 for cultural organizers and community partners to design and implement projects that align with the theme of [Building the Bigger We](#). Proposals are due on March 29, 2024.

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NOW Resource Library Feature: *Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities through Policy and Advocacy*

This toolkit from Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities aims to support network engagement initiatives among communities through policy and advocacy efforts. Check out this resource, and many more, on coalitions and community collaboration in the [NOW Resource Library](#).

[Access the Resource Here](#)



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