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“If you’re not invited to the table, make yourself a table, because you deserve to be heard, you deserve to be in leadership.”

Meyiya Coleman, NOW Blog,
Supporting Youth Leadership in Community Organizing: An Interview with Meyiya Coleman

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Welcome to the September 2023 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter](#). We are excited to share opportunities and resources with you! In this edition you'll find:

- 10th National Community Leadership Summit Keynote Speaker Announcement
- September NOW Leadership Article, *Supporting Youth Leadership in Community Organizing: An Interview with Meyiya Coleman*
- *In the Arena with NOW* Podcast Season 2 Latest Episode Release, *Community Ownership of Change: Supporting Co-Design in Research*, feat. Reann Gibson
- NOW Resource Library featured coalition building resource, *Channeling Change: Making Collective Impact Work*

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 septiembre de 2023 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). ¡Estamos muy contentos de compartir oportunidades y recursos con usted! En esta edición encontrará:

- Anuncio del orador principal de la 10ª Cumbre Nacional de Liderazgo Comunitario
- Artículo de liderazgo de NOW del mes de septiembre, *Apoyando el Liderazgo Juvenil en la Organización Comunitaria: Una Entrevista con Meyiya Coleman*
- El lanzamiento del nuevo episodio de la temporada 2 de *En La Arena* con el NOW Podcast, *Propiedad Comunitaria del Cambio: Apoyando el Co-Diseño en la Investigación*, destacando a Reann Gibson.
- La Biblioteca de Recursos de NOW presenta el recurso de creación de coaliciones, *Canalizando el Cambio: Haciendo Que el Impacto Colectivo Funcione*

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

National Community Leadership Summit: Meet our Keynote Speaker Kiese Laymon



We are excited to announce that social critic, bestselling author and essayist [Kiese Leymon](#) will be joining us as our opening keynote speaker!

Join us on October 17th at The Westin Copley Hotel in Boston, as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of this annual gathering of local leaders and changemakers with this year's theme, ***Writing Our Story: Collaborative Leadership for Joy, Justice, and Healing***.

Registration closes October 6, 2023.

[Register Here](#)

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

September's Leadership Article features an interview with **Meyiya Coleman**, youth organizer from Chicago, IL and Healing Through Justice Trainer with [Communities United](#). Vital Village Networks was able to learn more from Meyiya about the importance of intergenerational leadership in organizing, and specifically the value young peoples' involvement brings to community-led change. Read more about Meyiya's own leadership journey through organizing, and how her experiences have shaped how she mentors, leads, and supports youth leadership.



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In the Arena with NOW Podcast: Tune into Episode 4



Episode 4 continues our conversation with **Reann Gibson**, a community-based researcher, community changemaker, and social justice advocate in Boston and beyond. Reann delves further into her experiences with facilitating community-based participatory research and coalition building efforts, asking the critical question, **"What does it mean to create spaces with community ownership of change?"** particularly in the realm of health and wellbeing research. We explore what it looks like to create spaces where community members have the resources – and the power – to co-design research, and other community initiatives, and how collaboration rather than competition can help foster innovation and transformation.

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Featured Coalition Building Resource: *Channeling Change: Making Collective Impact Work*

From the Stanford Social Innovation Review, this updated and in-depth article, by authors Fay Hanleybrown, John Kania, & Mark Kramer outlines the five conditions of collective impact and provides guidance on how to make collective impact work for social change. "...collective impact is not just a fancy name for collaboration, but represents a fundamentally different, more disciplined, and higher performing approach to achieving large-scale social impact."

Check out this resource, and many more, on coalitions and community collaboration in the NOW Resource Library.



[Access Resource Here](#)

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