



January 29, 2025

"Mutuality is about how we show up for ourselves and each other. Mutuality is how you form a collective that feels safe and can produce joy and vision."

- Next River Freedom's Revival Research from the Headwaters of Liberation

Welcome to the January 2025 edition of the [NOW Innovation Forum Newsletter](#). We are excited to share opportunities and resources with you as we kick off 2025. In this edition you're invited to:

- Save the date for the 2025 NOW Webinar Series
- Listen to the latest episodes of Season 3 of *In the Arena with NOW* podcast
- Register for the Data Storytelling Workshop Information Session
- Meet the 2025 Community Food Systems Fellows
- Learn more about the first cohort of the National Birth Justice Fellowship
- Explore the NOW Resource Library featured resource, *Grassroots Community Engaged Investment: Redistributing power over investment processes as the key to fostering equitable communities*
- Support Our Campaign, *Together We Thrive*

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 enero del 2025 del [Boletín Informativo del NOW Innovation Forum](#) (Foro de Innovación NOW). Nos complace compartir oportunidades y recursos adicionales con usted al comenzar el 2025. En esta edición estás invitado a:

- Guardar la fecha para la serie de talleres virtuales de NOW del 2025
- Escuchar los últimos episodios de la temporada 3 de *In the Arena con NOW* podcast
- Registrarte para la Sesión Informativa de la Serie de Talleres de Narración de Datos
- Conocer a los Becarios de Sistemas Alimentarios Comunitarios del 2025
- Aprender más sobre el primera inaugural de la Beca Nacional de Justicia de Nacimiento
- xplorar el recurso destacado de la Biblioteca de Recursos de NOW, *Inversión Comprometida con la Comunidad de Base: Redistribuyendo el poder sobre los procesos de inversión como la clave para fomentar comunidades equitativas*
- Apoyar Nuestra Campaña, *Juntos Prosperamos*

Gracias por su compromiso a los niños, las familias, y las comunidades, y por acompañarnos en nuestro recorrido ante otro año juntos.

Network Highlights

NOW Webinar Series: Save the Date

We invite you to join us for this year's 2025 NOW Webinar Series. We'll be joined by local leaders who are working to build a future towards collective liberation and freedom, and sharing the practices we can learn to continue this work together. Please save the dates for this year's events:

- March 13, 2025
- June 12, 2025
- November 20, 2025

We are looking forward to learning with you this year.

Stay Tuned Here

In the Arena with NOW: New Episodes





Tune into the latest episodes for Season 3 of *In the Arena with NOW*.

Episode 4: *Radical Community Connection: Interconnected Freedom and Leadership for the Future* - Featuring **Mia Birdsong**, Futurist, Author and Executive Director of Next River: An Institute For Practicing the Future

Episode 5: *Young People are Community Power: Nurturing Culturally-Rooted Safe Spaces* - Featuring **Julie Garreau**, Chief Executive Officer, Cheyenne River Youth Project

[Listen Here](#)

Data Storytelling Workshop Series: Information Session

Who is telling the story of your community? Join Vital Village for the free virtual Data Storytelling workshop series and build your capacity to create and share stories that support social change using data tools. Visit our website to learn more and register for the upcoming Information Session on **Thursday, February 6th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm ET** on Zoom.

[Learn More Here](#)



Community Food Systems Fellowship: Meet our 2025 Fellows



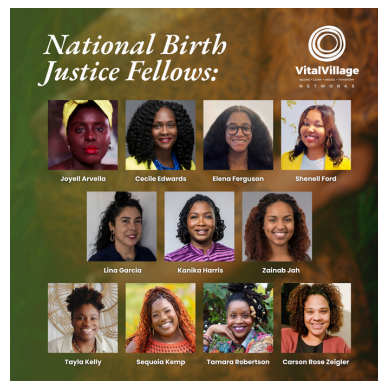
Eleven local leaders have been selected to participate in the 2025 Community Food Systems Fellowship Program, an 18-month leadership program to support local food system leaders build skills, capacity, and networks in their efforts to advance equitable and resilient local food systems. Learn more about this dynamic group of fellows and the work they are leading.

[Learn More Here](#)

National Birth Justice Fellowship: Welcoming our First Cohort

Introducing the first cohort of the National Birth Justice Fellowship, an 18-month leadership program advancing birth equity across the United States. The fellowship unites 11 community leaders who are committed to dismantling systemic inequities in maternal and infant health while fostering sustainable change. Learn more about them and their commitment to community-led and dignity-centered systems of health, education, and care for birthing families.

[Learn More Here](#)



NOW Resource Library Feature: *Grassroots Community Engaged Investment: Redistributing power over investment processes as the key to fostering equitable communities*



Transform Finance's report, *Grassroots Community Engaged Investment: Redistributing power over investment processes as the key to fostering equitable communities*, aims to ask critical questions about current investment models to ensure "that the benefits of investment are widely shared and even restorative, not misdirected, extractive or exploitative."

Read more and check out other resources in the [NOW Resource Library](#).

[Access the Resource Here](#)



We invite our network to join us in building healthier, more connected, and equitable communities for children and families. *Together We Thrive* embodies our shared commitment to uplift one another, recognizing that we're all part of a larger community of change-makers.

Our goal this is to reach our highest participation ever, and it's not too late to join the movement! Your contribution, regardless of amount or type of service, is vital to the power of our collective.

As one of our cherished network members shared: *"We are not simply an island but one body, many members... with hope, courage, and strength to keep moving forward."*

Give Together, Give Today

The NOW community hopes to stay connected and lift up the work and stories of all of our members. Follow and tag us so that we can virtually highlight the community-led transformation you are leading

#VillageInMind



www.networksofopportunity.org 

This email was created with Wix. [Discover More](#)