

YOUTH IN DEMOCRACY

2024 FELLOWSHIP



Berkshire Taconic
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VOTER REGISTRATION

Youth Organization:
18 Degrees, Pittsfield, MA

In a timely response to the electoral climate, fellows Asharia, Myah, and Alan organized a voter registration drive at 18 Degrees in Pittsfield, MA and are planning another. Partnering with nonpartisan *CareVote*, they are educating their community on local voting procedures while gaining a valuable introduction to the democratic process. After the November elections, the fellows will attend Pittsfield City Council meetings to propose more democracy-focused projects.

Left to right: Fellows Asharia Supreme, Myah House and Alan Tamayo at 18 Degrees, August 2024.





HARVEST FESTIVAL

Youth Organization:
*North East Community
Center, Millerton, NY*

Consulting with local businesses and town officials, fellows Zaina and Angel are planning a Harvest Festival for the residents of Millerton and Wassaic, NY. This family-friendly event will celebrate the community's rich cultural diversity and feature games, activities and food. The festival aims to create an inclusive, joyful atmosphere where residents of all ages can come together to enjoy a positive shared experience that highlights the talents of local vendors and neighbors.

*Left to right: Erin Chirevas (NECC)
Angel Camargo (fellow), Katie Cariello
(NECC) and Zaina Aboueid (fellow).*

Youth in Democracy Fellowship

The Youth in Democracy Fellowship program, funded by the Community Fund, provides a platform for young adults to create projects to explore an issue they are passionate about. They are supported by a youth-serving organization and a college student mentor to work with local government through consensus-building, advocacy, and collaboration to create positive change at the local level.



The Community Fund

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