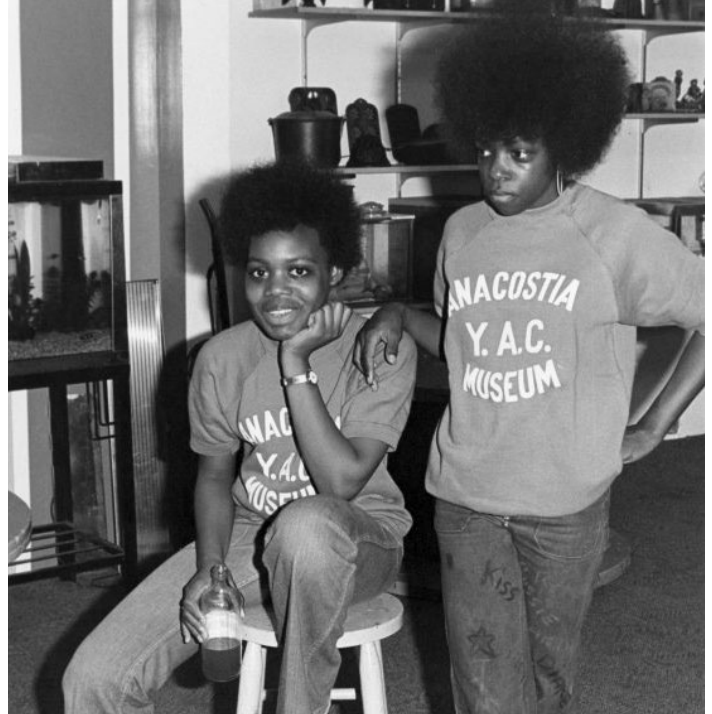




2023 Environmental Justice Academy



Throughout its 55-year history, Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum has partnered with local community organizations, youth advocates and schools to engage teens in understanding and leading social change. In spring of 2023, the Museum will launch the first cohort of its hybrid Environmental Justice Academy. An outgrowth of the museum's Women's Environmental Leadership (WEL) initiative, the Academy will engage 35 young women and non-binary youth of color living in communities along the Anacostia River in explorations of the intersections of community, justice, and environment. Guided in conversation by women whose work in multiple environmental spaces has effected change at local, regional, national, and international levels, participants will explore the pathways of **Advocacy & Public Policy, Arts & Culture, Faith, and Inclusive Leadership (Women & Youth)**.

Participants

The Academy is open to young women and non-binary youth of color, ages 14-18, living in communities along the Anacostia River and its tributaries in Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland and the District.



Applications will be open Dec 8, 2022 through Jan 20, 2023

Stipends

ACM is happy to provide a stipend of \$1,497.00 for each participant.

Academy Schedule

Spring 2023

Welcome event- March 18

Anacostia River Trip- March 25

Virtual Sessions

April 1, 15, 29

May 13, 20

Summer 2023 two-week on site session

July 10 -21

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Academy Programming will include:

- A field trip along the Anacostia River
- Explorations of communities along the River
- Engagement with ACM's forthcoming exhibition, *To Live and Breathe: Women and Environmental Justice in Washington D.C.*
- Conversations with women representing various cultural, educational, political, environmental, and community-based organizations and agencies
- Capstone projects outlining next steps in addressing critical environmental issues
- Development of 10 Principles of Environmental Justice Along the Anacostia River

Through a STEAM framework participants will:

- Explore their communities' role in the ecosystem of the Anacostia Watershed
- Map the ongoing relationships between the natural and built spaces that constitute their communities
- Identify and explore issues of environmental inequity impacting their communities
- Develop and present pathways to engagement and advocacy to a variety of community stakeholders
- Explore educational and career opportunities essential for ongoing participation in civic engagement through an environmental lens

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