



Pan Valley Institute ArteVism Fellowship Program 2024-2027

The ArteVism Program: Cultivating Voices for Social Change is a compelling initiative by the Pan Valley Institute (PVI) that aims to utilize art and culture as powerful tools to address pressing social issues. The program engages a broader audience and develops creative public programming that fosters active citizenship and intergenerational learning spaces for immigrants and refugees.

By nurturing cultural expression, reclaiming cultural rights, and promoting solidarity within communities, ArteVism empowers participants to become agents of social change. The program's goals include expanding learning opportunities, developing public art and culture projects, and forming alliances with like-minded organizations.

By confronting racism, discrimination, and the erasure of history, ArteVism is building thriving, inclusive communities. The ArteVism Fellowship Program was inaugurated in 2020. Here is a summary of our accomplishments:

Graduates and volunteers: Over the last four years, 12 youth of color have graduated from the ArteVism Fellowship program, and 20 youth and young adults have volunteered for it.

Advocacy and activism: ArteVism alums are advancing more inclusive policies, advocating for the rights of immigrants, Indigenous peoples of color, women, and LGBTQ+ people, confronting racism and discrimination, and building climate and economic justice.

Cultural awareness and diversity: The program has deepened participants' awareness and understanding of the Central Valley's ethnic and cultural diversity. It teaches tools to uplift cultural vitality and promote community solidarity.

Leadership development: ArteVism fosters the development of leadership skills among participants, empowering them to become social actors of change.

Community engagement: The program aims to transition from an internal focus to a more community-facing one, expanding learning and relationship-building opportunities to the broader community.

These outcomes demonstrate the positive impact of the ArteVism Fellowship program in empowering individuals, promoting social justice, and fostering community engagement.



Actors in PVI's 2024 performance of "My Relationship with AMERICA" Photo: Eduardo Stanley

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