



Community
Journalism

HumanitiesDC Community Journalism Program 2024 One-Pager

What's Community Journalism?

Community Journalism combines the professionalism and far-reaching network of traditional media with the internal knowledge and connections of local communities to create more accessible and collaborative research, sourcing, reporting, and newsmaking.

From identifying underreported stories to shaping how they are told, community journalists produce local news that better informs the public, strengthens their neighborhoods, and bolsters civic participation.

About HumanitiesDC's Community Journalism Program (CJP)

Launched in Fall 2023, the CJP is a free 12-week training program designed to equip D.C. residents with the knowledge, skills, and mentorship to tell the stories that matter most to them and their communities.

Led by a professional journalist, six (6) in-person workshops will cover basic print journalism skills and best practices, including how to find credible information and sources, conduct interviews, outline and write news stories, edit articles, and pitch stories to local media.

Participants will also engage in six (6) small group training sessions guided by a local journalist who will serve as their mentor and story editor. By the end of the program, each participant is expected to write one news article that will be published online.

Eligibility

To apply for this program, you must be a D.C. resident over the age of 18 and be able to commit to the entire 12-week program, which includes attending six (6) two-hour evening workshops, six (6) small group trainings, and additional hours outside of meeting times for researching, reporting, and writing a news story. [Click here to complete the 2024 application!](#)

Timeline

Workshops will occur on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Anacostia Arts Center. Small group training sessions will take place on alternate Tuesday evenings, either in-person or at public locations across the city.

- Application opens - **Friday, March 15**
- Application closes - **Friday, April 5**
- Selected applicants notified - **Friday, April 12**
- Participants return letter of intent and schedule welcome interviews - **Friday, April 19**
- Participants participate in welcome interviews - **Monday, April 15 - Friday, April 26**
- Workshop #1 - **Tuesday, May 7**
- Small Group Training #1 - **Tuesday, May 14**
- Workshop #2 Tuesday - **Tuesday, May 21**
- Small Group Training #2 - **Tuesday, May 28**
- Workshop #3 - **Tuesday, June 4**
- Small Group Training #3 - **Tuesday, June 11**
- Workshop #4 - **Tuesday, June 18**
- Small Group Training #4 - **Tuesday, June 25**
- Workshop #5 Tuesday - **Tuesday, July 2**
- Small Group Training #5 - **Tuesday, July 9**
- Workshop #6 - **Tuesday, July 16**
- Small Group Training #6 - **Tuesday, July 23**
- Final Event - **TBD**