



Community  
Journalism

## **HUMANITIESDC COMMUNITY JOURNALISM PROGRAM 2025**

### **Overview**

#### **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 news making.

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 14-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, seven (7) 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 seven (7) 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 14-week program, which includes attending seven (7) two-hour evening workshops, seven (7) small group trainings, and additional hours outside of meeting times for researching, reporting, and writing a news story. [Click here to complete the 2025 application!](#)

Accommodations are available to ensure all participants can complete the application process. Please contact the programs team at [programs@humanitiesdc.org](mailto:programs@humanitiesdc.org) for any specific needs or assistance.

## **Timeline**

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

- Application opens - **Thursday, December 12, 2024**
- Application closes - **Friday, January 10, 2025**
- Selected applicants notified - **Wednesday, January 22, 2025**
- Participants return letter of intent and schedule welcome interviews - **Friday, January 31**
- Participants participate in virtual welcome interviews - **Monday, February 3**
- Workshop #1 - **Monday, February 10**
- Small Group Training #1- **Monday, February 17**
- Workshop #2 - **Monday, February 24**
- Small Group Training #2 - **Monday, March 3**
- Workshop #3 - **Monday, March 10**
- Small Group Training #3 - **Monday, March 17**
- Workshop #4 - **Monday, March 24**
- Small Group Training #4 - **Monday, March 31**
- Workshop #5 Monday- **Monday, April 7**
- Small Group Training #5 - **Monday, April 14**
- Workshop #6 - **Monday, April 21**
- Small Group Training #6 - **Monday, April 28**
- Workshop #7- **Monday, May 5**
- Small Group Training #7- **Monday, May 12**
- Final Event - **Monday, May 19**