

ABOUT

At the Virginia Civic Engagement Table, we confront the enduring impacts of systemic white supremacy and attacks on democracy in Virginia. Through the Virginia Progressive Leadership Program (VAPLP), we chart a path that shifts power toward equity and justice.

VAPLP is a free, four-month cohort-based program for leaders advancing social change in Virginia. Centering progressive values and a liberatory framework, we don't just imagine transformation—we practice it.

Join us to align your work with your values and grow through reflection, learning, and community-building as we create the Virginia we envision—today.



PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

Skill-Up Retreats With Your Pod

Workshops and community-building experiences designed to expand your knowledge, skills, and resources, held one weekend per month from May to August in a group of 15-17 leaders.



1:1 Coaching

Paired with a mid- to senior-level practitioner to help you achieve personal or professional goals through four virtual sessions after graduation.



Accessibility

VAPLP is free to attend, with all food and lodging provided. Additional support includes a travel stipend (based on eligibility), a childcare stipend, and Spanish-English interpretation and materials.





RETREATS

MOVEMENT LEADERSHIP

May 9 - 11

Shenandoah National Park

We'll lay the groundwork by reflecting on our roles in the social change ecosystem and white supremacy culture, analyzing power dynamics within social movements, and envisioning Virginia's future.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

June 13 - 15

Culpeper

Focusing on relational organizing, we'll examine how organizing can create political homes through base-building, leadership development, campaign design, and movement strategy.

STORYTELLING + NARRATIVE

July 11 - 13

Harrisonburg

This retreat will begin and end with storytelling about our past and future, with a primary focus on narrative change through framing, messaging, audience analysis, and strategy evaluation.

MONEY + CAPITAL

August 15 - 17

Richmond

We'll dive into emerging practices in fundraising and the solidarity economy, including community-centered fundraising, trust-based philanthropy, mutual aid, and capital strategies.

APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Learn more & apply here: www.vaplp.org

Be prepared for your life to change...After these four amazing months in VAPLP, your perspective will shift in a way that forces you to engage differently with the world. My eyes are opened, the veil removed. I find myself naturally inquiring deeper into the things I encounter, with a new hunger for understanding. If you are here to be a changemaker, as most of us are, be prepared.

- **Shemika Curvey, Pod 9**

