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PHILADELPHIA, PA — In the fourth year of the Media Artist + Activist Residency, Leeway Foundation is proud to announce \$150,000 in funding to 6 women, trans*, and gender nonconforming media collaborations working with social justice/cultural organizations to document, reframe, and/or amplify the issues and campaigns of the organizations.

This year's cohort of awardees share a focus on the importance of preservation and documentation as tools for restorative and liberatory practices addressing social issues impacting us on local, state, and global levels. The Media Artist + Activist Residency aims to reveal and extend the ways that artists and artistic processes can work within cultural and social justice organizations to achieve social change.

Awardees will utilize a diverse range of media including audio, podcast, film, multimedia installations, and web-based content. Projects include but are not limited to: decarceration through the perspective of youth, documentation of Indigenous people in the Greater Philadelphia region, and combatting the dehumanization of Arab/SWANA and Muslim communities.

The 2024 Media Artist + Activist Residents are (in alphabetical order):

Gabby Jackson and Care, Not Control

Jacob Butterly and Put People First! PA

Keyssh Datts and Human Rights Coalition

Laura Deutch + Ella-Gabriel Mason and Jewish Voice for Peace Philadelphia

Lori Waselchuk and Indigenous Peoples' Day Philly, Inc.

Yaqeen Yamani + Nora Elmarzouky and CAIR Philadelphia

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ABOUT THE MEDIA ARTIST + ACTIVIST RESIDENCY

Media Artist + Activist Residency applications are evaluated by an independent peer review panel. The 2024 review panel consisted of poet, historian, hip hop activist, and media maker, [Black Rapp M.A.D.U.S.A \(MAR '23\)](#); visual archival artist and filmmaker, **Sofía Gallisá Muriente**; and cultural worker and documentary cinematographer [TK Dinh \(ACG '21\)](#).

The Leeway Foundation Media Artist + Activist Residency was made possible by generous support from our funding partner, the Independence Public Media Foundation.

Applications are made available on the Leeway website and may also be obtained by calling 215.728.9273 or emailing info@leeway.org. Potential applicants are encouraged to attend one of the many support sessions offered throughout the year or schedule an appointment with a staff member for one-on-one support.

ABOUT LEEWAY FOUNDATION

The Leeway Foundation supports women, trans*, and gender nonconforming artists and cultural producers working in communities at the intersection of art, culture, and social change. Through our grantmaking and other programs, we promote artistic expression that amplifies the voices of those on the margins, promotes sustainable and healthy communities, and works in the service of movements for economic and social justice. For more information about Leeway, its grant programs, grantees, and events, visit leeway.org.

**Leeway is a trans-affirming organization committed to gender self-determination, and we use the term "trans" in its most inclusive sense, as an umbrella term encompassing transsexual, transgender, genderqueer, Two-Spirit people, and anyone whose gender identity or gender expression is nonconforming and/or different from their gender assigned at birth.*

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