

## ●●● Overview

# Food4All Leadership Institute

Target: First Cohort in Fall 2018



"Youth do make a difference, and we have powerful voices. If you give us an opportunity to change our community, we are 100% down," Noun Abdelaziz, a 17-year-old youth changemaker whose powerful testimony helped to pass SB 138, California's "Count Me In for School Meals Act."

More than 4.6 million adults in California struggle to put food on the table. Within these households are people with important stories and powerful voices.

They need to be heard.

The Food4All Leadership Institute will help to amplify these stories.

## Who

The Food4All Leadership Institute will bring together a cohort of individuals who have lived the struggle to put food on the table. The goal is to engage a diverse pool of applicants of all ages and all walks of life. The Institute will empower participants to share their experiences and raise their voices in pursuit of policy change to guarantee Food4All.

## What

Participants will:

- Learn to share their stories in ways that compel others to take action;
- Build their advocacy skills with coaching and support from current leaders in the anti-hunger movement;
- Become familiar with budget and policy processes at the state and local levels; and
- Create change through policy advocacy.

A \$1,000 stipend will be provided to all participants.

## Why CFPA

CFPA has a 25-year legacy and renewed commitment to move people-centered, community-powered, and equitable food policy in California. We have a long [history of successful advocacy](#).

## How

The Leadership Institute will operate as an online community learning experience over a 6-month period launched with one in-person session and culminating in another in-person session. In between, participants will engage in online courses, group chats, and other activities for an average of 10 hours per month. Travel, lodging, meals, child care, and other expenses associated with participation will be covered.

## Next Steps

CFPA is raising funds to cover the costs for operation of the Institute. We are also approaching funders interested in supporting participants from their respective communities. If fund development proceeds as planned, we hope to complete curriculum development and planning in Spring 2018 and begin the recruitment/application process in Summer 2018.

*"It's been really huge partnering with CFPA. Many youth have experiences of participating to a certain degree and then having their next steps of perspectives ignored. With CFPA our experience has been the opposite for our youth. Our youth have been able to advocate in a variety of ways with testimony in front of California legislation or through the Photo Voice campaign where they were able to tell their story in an authentic manner." Elizabeth Cooper, Program Coordinator at Center for Community Health at University of California, San Diego.*

