



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Stay Up-to-Date with WNY's Digital Equity Community

Committee Changes

We're changing our coalition structure! WNYDEC's standing committees dissolved in Dec. 2023, to be replaced with **time-limited, project-based ad hoc work groups**. Stay tuned for more details on upcoming project opportunities!

Committee Notes - Nov. & Dec. 2023

Digital Literacy

The recent survey of Erie 1 BOCES schools identified a lack of robust adult digital skills education for students, suggesting that, despite ISTE Standards, high school students are graduating with limited digital skills. Please contact efreas@elb.org and hziemer@wnylrc.org if interested in this project.

Data & Landscape

The updated *Directory of WNY Digital Inclusion & Equity Projects* is now available [here](#). Submit new entries to the directory using [this form](#).

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Upcoming Meetings

01/17, 9AM: Full Member Meeting
Meeting ID: 834 3667 3609
Passcode: 365781

Digital Equity Community Spotlights

Showcasing events, member updates, innovative programs, and resources for digital equity and inclusion work.

Upcoming Events

Covington Associates Consulting | CAC, a Minority and Woman-owned Small Business Consulting Company, is convening an East Side/East Buffalo Community Resident Board which will form a Community Resident Action Organization and oversee and implement equity initiatives like the Martin Luther King Park Neighborhood Improvement Project's "Youth Opportunity! Buffalo™", or "YO! Buffalo™", and "Buffalo Neighborhood Help Desk™".



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EAST BUFFALO COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Covington Associates Consulting
Unite. Pursue progress. Together, we can do all things.

Youth Opportunity! Buffalo
Buffalo Neighborhood Help Desk
Harambee! Creative Youth Arts Festival
Community Technology Resource Centre
The Martin Luther King Park Neighborhood Improvement Project

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ConnectALL Upcoming Events

01/30/2024, 1PM: Affordable Housing Connectivity Program Virtual Forum for Property Owners

For more information and to register, see

<https://broadband.ny.gov/connectall-events>

ConnectALL Updates

NYS' **State Digital Equity Plan draft** was released on 11/07/2023, with public comments closing on 12/06/2023. Access the Initial Plan and additional information [here](#).

WNYDEC In the News

“3 Powerful Ways Western New York Is Building Will for Digital Equity” by Eman Quotah on The CaseMade blog. Check it out [here](#).

From the New York State Digital Equity Network

CanCode (Albany) is hiring! Check out [current openings](#) or contact Annmarie Lanese (annmarie@albanycancode.org) for more info.

Submit to Future Newsletters

The WNYDEC Monthly Newsletter wants to hear from you!

Attend a recent work group meeting?

Have a spotlight you'd like to share with the coalition?

Submit your updates at <https://wnydigitalequity.link/submit-news> to be featured in the next issue of the newsletter!

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