

# CULTURAL WEEK OF ACTION ON RACE AND DEMOCRACY | FALL 2024



“We can’t have racial justice without democracy, and we can’t have democracy without racial justice.”

**Glenn Harris**, President of Race Forward



“Arts, culture, and creativity are national assets to address the toughest problems in our local communities.”

**Nolen Bivens**, President + CEO of Americans for the Arts

Since the founding of this country, we have fought for a just, multiracial democracy. With each victory, we have experienced a subsequent backlash. Today, the discourse about race and democracy is under attack and increasingly polarized. Arts, culture, and creativity are powerful tools for a wide range of communities to delve into and advocate for public policies that meet our most critical needs.

That is why **RACE FORWARD** and **AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS** are launching an annual “**Cultural Week of Action on Race and Democracy**” in the fall of 2024. This initiative aims to broaden awareness of and engagement in democracy and racial equity through locally organized cultural experiences across the entire country. Through this collective effort, we will:

- Bridge local and national movements to use arts, culture, and creativity to advance racial equity and democracy;
- Reinforce the indispensable role for the public sector to support democratic practices and racial equity in collaboration with artists, creatives, and culture bearers;
- Activate robust national narratives and local dialogues around issues at the heart of our country’s future.

**Join us in this new initiative!** As core local partners of Race Forward and Americans for the Arts, your participation will amplify the organizing efforts and commitments underway within your communities.

- We will provide centralized tools and resources, including grant funding for select municipalities, so you can focus on organizing cultural experiences that are relevant and impactful with your constituents.
- The registration process for municipalities and local partners to join this initiative will launch soon, so please consider how you will participate and spread the word in your networks about this exciting opportunity.

Questions? Ideas? Contact [CWA@RACEFORWARD.ORG](mailto:CWA@RACEFORWARD.ORG).

