Hartford Youth Data Fellowship

The Hartford Youth Data Fellowship is a groundbreaking initiative in Hartford that connects data experts and resources from the Connecticut Data Collaborative with Hartford youth ages 17-24 in a training and development program designed to engage them in learning more about data, their community, and ways they can help shape the future.

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Hartford Youth Data Fellows receive:

Data training: Our workshops teach youth highly sought-after skills in data literacy, research, analysis, visualization, and communications. We leverage CTData's expertise in identifying and curating key data sources to answer their research questions and generate insights from their lived experience.

Mentorship and guidance: CTData staff support Hartford youth throughout the project and connect them to key resources. We also tap into our network of community data partners to offer guest speakers from Hartford who have pursued postsecondary education and careers related to data and community service and connect directly with the youth.

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Career Development: Youth who participated in the first two groups credited the fellowship with increasing their confidence in working with data, strengthening their interest in working with data, and helping them with their education and professional growth.

Project & Presentations Experience: Youth in this program have the opportunity to develop community-based data projects that directly tie into improving policies and programs for Hartford residents. They then hone their written and verbal presentation skills through Data Walks with community members and legislative leaders.

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Youth fellows share their experiences:

- *I learned a lot and plan to try and apply the data skills to a job and possibly other parts of my education.*
- *It was great to speak with people who care about the data.*
- *You guys did amazing -- teaching us life skills and lessons.*
- *I liked doing my own research, not just given facts to recite.*
- *One of the skills I hope to apply outside of this project would be the analysis… how data is seen by regular people.*

All youth receive stipends for their work, food at workshops, transportation vouchers, and the use of CTData laptops that support data analysis tools.

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