Public Works is proud to announce that in its first year, the initiative supported 27 faculty development projects, 3 workshops, and 15 events both on and off-campus. 70 faculty and staff member from various disciplines have been directly impacted by the Public Works grant, along with multiple community partners and dozens of students.


As we progress into our second year, we hope to see these connections continue to grow and we look forward to offering more opportunities to bring people of various backgrounds together.

Next Grant Deadline: September 7, 2018.

Participatory Action Research (PAR)
Anita Chikkatur, Ed. Studies
PAR invites communities directly impacted by social research to participate in the research design process. This winter break workshop will inform Carleton, Faribault, and Northfield community members on effective PAR techniques.

How to Nurture Community Partners in North Africa and the Middle East
Thabiti Willis, History
This workshop that will examine the ways in which arts and humanities can help build relationships across North African and Middle Eastern community partners.

The Value of Liberal Arts in the Many Worlds of Work
Bill North, History
Co-ordinated with LTC
This book group will analyze two recent books about the impact of the liberal arts in today’s dynamic work environments. Space is limited, registration required.

2Fik – Artist in Residence
Oct 15 – Nov 2
Performance artist 2Fik will complete a 3 week artists’ residency where he will host interactive public events with people on and beyond the campus including: public talks, receptions, meals, class visits, workshops, performances, coffee chats, and more. This project is being organized by Stephanie Cox and is in collaboration with CCCE, the Northfield Arts Guild, local public schools, and the GSC.

Conversations about the Unspeakable
Oct 12 & 13
Public Works is coordinating with CCCE, Arts at Carleton, and the Minnesota Humanities Center to host Veterans’ Voices at Carleton this year. Community members are invited to attend this two-day event, where we will explore the difficult subjects of war, military, and veterans’ experiences when they return home. Guest speakers Ehren Tool and Jay Moad and many more will present their work at this event.