



New Seneca Village 2025 Advisory Circle Membership Opportunity and Commitment

[New Seneca Village](#) (The Village) is a non-profit retreat space and social ecosystem offering nature-based residencies for women, gender-expansive, and non-binary leaders of color working to advance justice with the goal to nourish and sustain their collective visioning for a just future. Learn more about us at [New Seneca Village](#).

As a founding commitment to having a collective stewardship structure, The Village hosts an Advisory Circle* made up of leaders who embody and represent the values of our intentional community.

Our Advisory Circle model is designed so that Advisory Circle members vision, create, and implement their own offerings that both deepen and amplify our collective Village vision. Advisory Circle member offerings are co-created in partnership with the Village team and other Advisory Circle members.

*New Seneca Village is currently under fiscal sponsorship by Possibility Labs, so while we do not need to host a formal board, it is within our values to host and partner with Advisory Circle members.

Opportunity

The Village Advisory Circle ensures that we remain aligned with our [mission](#), [legacy vision](#), and [Right Relationship Framework](#). The Village team leans on the insights, expertise, and actions of the Advisory Circle members around the most foundational elements of this project, including relationship building, storytelling and narrative, and fundraising strategy.

The Village Advisory Circle is an opportunity for resonant and engaged members to co-create, design, steward, and advance an offering of their own with and for the benefit of The Village. The expectation is that each Advisory Circle member will steward their own offering or project, that is resonant with their individual interests or their questions about The Village as a whole.

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The Advisory Circle is a collaborative effort and opportunity and will welcome engaged, proactive, and creative leaders who are interested in taking ownership of their offerings. We are looking for Advisory Circle members who intend to participate fully in the process, and who are excited to independently advance their offering within a collaborative co-creative process that includes the Village team, other Advisory Circle members, and the broader Village community.

Each Advisory Circle member will also be expected to host conversations and workshops about their offering for interested Villagers, with scheduling and technical support from the Village team.

Commitment

We anticipate a time commitment of 60 hours for Advisory Circle members during the 14-month term from November 2024 - January/February 2026.

Advisory Circle members will be asked to participate in the Advisory Circle offering over the 14-month term in the following ways:

- Attend eight (~3 hours each) Village Advisory Circle sessions, every other month excluding December.
 - Each Advisory Circle member will host at least one Deep Dive (45 - 60 minute) working conversation at an Advisory Circle meeting regarding their offering.
- Host at least two (~1 hour each) Open Studios sessions, and attend at least two Open Studios sessions hosted by other members; Open Studios are hosted 7 months out of the year.
 - Open Studio sessions are ongoing connection sessions designed to intentionally center conversation, encouragement, and alignment amongst our offerings.
- Host at least one (~1 hour each) Village Circle session for and with the Village community centering, sharing, and getting feedback on your offering.
- Proactively advance your offering outside of gatherings. We anticipate each Advisory Circle member spending 20 hours throughout their service developing an offering that is of benefit to the Village ongoingly.

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Depending on funding and availability, Advisory Circle members *may* be invited to participate in the following ways:

- Join one of The Village residencies and share feedback on their experience with us as we continue to grow and develop our vision (funding and availability dependent).
- Join and Co-Create the Village Advisory Circle retreat (TBD).

The Village offers a stipend of \$1,500 for service on the Village Advisory Circle.

Meeting Schedule: November 2024 - January/February 2026.

See below for meeting dates, times, and agenda items.

- **2024 Meeting Dates:** November 14, 2024: 12 PM PT / 2 PM CT / 3 PM ET (3 hours).
- **2025 Meeting Dates:** To be provided in late fall to 2025 Advisory Circle members.