Grantmaking for Systems Change

A free symbolic course for ethical funders, survivor advocates, and structural reformers.

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About This Course

This course equips purpose-driven changemakers with the tools, frameworks, and strategic mindset to shift power through grantmaking. Grounded in the principles of applied advocacy, students will explore funding ecosystems, equity-centered evaluation, and real-world case studies to build grantmaking skills that are ethical, impactful, and systemic in approach.

Inside the Course

Learn to reflect on funding relationships, evaluate systemic harms, and align grantmaking with survivor-defined ethical protocols.

Who This Course is For

- Ethical funders and grantmaking bodies

- Disabled and neurodivergent advocates

- Research designers and philanthropic boards

- Anyone navigating structural giving systems

Course Roadmap

Module 1: Introduction to Strategic Grantmaking

Explore the foundational principles of strategic, equity-centered grantmaking for systemic change.

Module 2: Systems Thinking and Funding Power

Learn to map funding ecosystems, identify leverage points, and assess power dynamics in grant flows.

Module 3: Evaluating Proposals for Impact

Develop evaluation skills grounded in social impact frameworks, symbolic logic, and community priorities.

Module 4: Reflective Tools and Community Voice

Apply symbolic tools and templates for funding reflection, feedback loops, and inclusive accountability.

"Grantmaking can be protective, not extractive - when designed with intention."