CORY GREENE

How Our Lives Link Altogether! (H.O.L.L.A!)

2016 Black Male Achievement Fellow

BIG BOLD IDEA

Counter trauma from structural violence, mass incarceration, and police brutality of black men and boys by focusing on healing through organizing and advocacy.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

H.O.L.L.A! works to enhance grassroots youth community leadership by radically investing in the most marginalized youth of color from a framework of healing, political education, social justice trainings, and youth organizing.

PERSONAL BIO

From Queens, New York, Cory Greene is a co-founder, co-director, and organizer of How Our Lives Link Altogether! (H.O.L.L.A!), a nonprofit developed from the organizing work and political strategizing of people who served sentences in New York State Correctional Facilities. The focus of H.O.L.L.A! is to co-create a youth-led organization centered on grassroots youth community organizing to support the leadership development, healing, and liberation of marginalized youth of color and their communities. Cory is a formerly incarcerated PhD candidate at the Graduate Center, CUNY. Prior to co-creating H.O.L.L.A!, Cory was pushed out of high school, leading to his entanglement in the criminal justice system, where he served an eight-year prison sentence. Cory is a recipient of the Ford Foundation’s Pre-Dissertation Fellowship and the National Science Foundation’s Graduate Research Program Fellowship. Cory earned his associate of arts degree from LaGuardia Community College and his bachelor of science degree from New York University. Cory is a loving father, and he attributes his work, motivation, and success to his son’s existence.