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### **Meet The Volunteers In Service to New Roots 2017-2018**

The mission of the AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is to help eradicate poverty across the country. AmeriCorps VISTA is about helping all individuals reach their fullest potential. VISTA is designed to build the capacity of an organization and enhance its ability to serve the community.This years volunteers are here through the Kentucky Campus Contact (KYCC) and the Toward a Sustainable Kentucky (TASK) program which both aim to increase the presence of AmeriCorp VISTA in Kentucky. Learn more about both [here!](http://kycompact.org/programs/vista/)

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### **Sydney Smith**

Sydney Smith is a Louisville native and graduated from Northern Kentucky University in 2016. She studied public relations with a minor in environmental studies- talking to others about environmental and social issues are very important to her. As a vegan, mindful food is at the cornerstone of her passions.She has written an e-book on ecofeminism which she hopes to publish in the near future, and has also worked with several environmental community partners and projects in Cincinnati. She enjoys commuting via bike, creating homemade vegan dishes with organic veggies, spending time with her dogs at the dog park, being goofy, going to music & arts festivals and hiking. Her favorite vegetables are tomatoes and kale.

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### **Emilio Bartlett Asenjo**

Emilio Bartlett Asenjo was born and raised in Louisville, and proud of it! After interning at New Roots during the summer of 2016, he became caught up in the vortex, and knew that he had to return. After graduating from The College of Wooster in Wooster, OH, where he studied sociology, he returned to his hometown as one of New Roots’ AmeriCorps VISTAs. Although he has steadily built upon his food justice non-profit experience, it is only in the last few years that he has left his picky-eating habits behind and has discovered the wonders of healthy eating. With his limited but growing experience in this area he would have to say that his favorite vegetable is spinach— versatile and jam packed with the good stuff.

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