# **YOUTH FOR EQUITABLE STREETS - 2 YEAR FELLOWSHIP**

A Program of Healthy King County Coalition

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**Youth for Equitable Streets (YES)** is looking for our next cohort of 3 Fellows to learn about and take action on mobility justice, transportation equity and advocacy in South King County.

The ideal candidate has a strong commitment to social justice & building community with other youth of color. They are excited to explore their identity and positionality as a leader/organizer and center creating safer spaces for historically marginalized communities of color, including LGBTQIA+, and are willing to take on leadership roles. Additionally, a Fellow is someone who is committed to improving community health through uplifting marginalized voices in transportation.

# **WHO WE ARE**

## **Our Mission**

Youth for Equitable Streets aims to amplify the voices of a growing community of youth organizers in South King County to:

1. Incorporate mobility justice using an intersectional lens
2. Engage in learning spaces about the historical impact of transportation
3. Enact upon discussions around equitable transit projects and policy, and
4. Build a safer community with improved access to transit

# **WHAT YOU’LL DO**

Each Fellow will meet once a week virtually with their cohort and report to the YES Program Manager. Main activities for the Fellowship are as follows:

## **Year One**

* **Cohort Building:** Work towards building a strong cohort through weekly check-ins, team building activities and group retreats
* **Curriculum Learning:** Receive monthly lessons on the history of public transportation and urban planning in King County and the U.S. with a racial justice and equity lens.
* **Community Engagement:** Become a peer educator by educating local youth and community on the definition and importance of mobility justice and how it connects to health equity.
* **Leadership Development:** Attend leadership development trainings and sit in as an observer in community spaces (including but not limited to transportation conferences, Metro & SDOT work groups, City Council and transit board meetings)
* **Identify Community Transit Issue:** Set cohort strategic priorities as a group (identifying public projects, community outreach, networking opportunities and professional development opportunities). Renewing priorities at the end of 1st year.

## **Year Two**

* **Take Community Action**: Strategize around one community project that will ultimately lead to improved access to public transportation in the South King County region.
* **Increase Leadership Role:** Step into a Team Lead role (Policy Lead, Communication Lead, Research Lead, etc.) to specialize your interest in advocacy work
* **Build Facilitation Skills:** Lead facilitation of weekly YES meetings in a rotation with fellow cohort members
* **Community Engagement:** Actively engage in at least one transit agency work group/committee (i.e., King County Metro, SDOT, or Sound Transit) as a youth representative
* **Amplify Your Work:** Present findings, lessons and recommendations on a public platform (i.e., conference, media publication, presentation to an agency)

# **WHO YOU ARE & KEYS TO SUCCESS**

**This Fellowship is targeted to the following:**

* Sophomore or Junior at a college/university located in Seattle/King County
* Resident of Seattle/King County in the last 5 years
* We encourage BIPOC students, in particular students from The Black Diaspora (African American, African & Caribbean) & Asian (South Asian, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander) backgrounds to apply.

**To be successful in this fellowship, you have the following qualities:**

* **A commitment to social justice:** Much of the learning that occurs through the Fellowship is through a social justice lens. You will show a demonstrated commitment to learning about the systemic issues that impact communities of color.
* **Willingness to jump into new leadership roles:** Different opportunities to collaborate with transit agencies and community groups alike may arise during your Fellowship. It is important that you are invested in your own leadership development and are open to stepping into leadership roles as they arise.
* **Community oriented:** You have demonstrated orientation to your community as demonstrated through community service, faith-based engagement, previous internships/fellowships, family responsibilities, etc.
* **An interest in transportation/urban planning/public health/community organizing:** While it’s not required to have an interest in all of the above, having a passion for at least one of these topics is important.

# **WHAT ELSE YOU SHOULD KNOW**

*YES, values having fellows who come from communities that are most impacted by our issue. We especially encourage people of color, LGBQ people, transgender and gender non-conforming people, and people with disabilities to apply.*

*This is a contract position and fellows receive a monthly stipend from the Healthy King County Coalition of $1000 a month. While hours are flexible, Fellows generally commit 5-7 hours a week on YES related projects.*

**First Year**: November 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

**Second Year**: October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

**TO APPLY**

Please email, Health King County Coordinator, Ben Yisrael at benyisrael13@gmail.com with your resume and contact information for 2 references if you are interested in applying.