

# *Summer Planning Academy (SPA)*

2024



Puget Sound Regional Council



*We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.*

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# Agenda

- Goals of Summer Planning Academy
- Summary of 2023 Cohort
- Changes for 2024
- Timeline
- Next Steps



## Summer Planning Academy **HANDBOOK**



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# Goals



Introduce individuals to the planning process and profession at an early age.

Engage young people on a regular basis to provide input on PSRC's policies and programs.

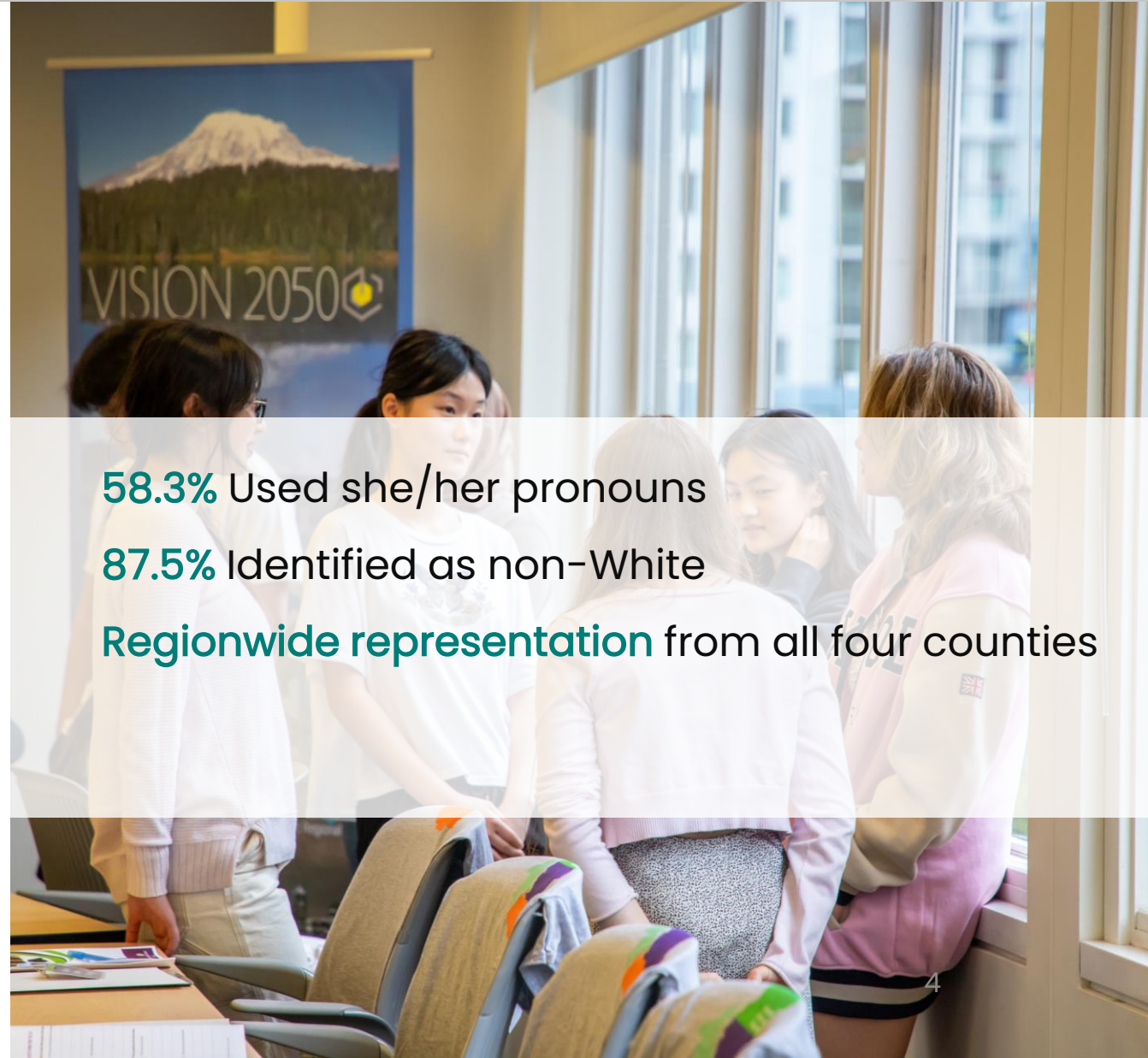
Promote equity in the region by actively recruiting and engaging youth from diverse backgrounds.



# 2023 Cohort

82 applications

24 selected students  
enrolled in our first cohort



**58.3%** Used she/her pronouns

**87.5%** Identified as non-White

**Regionwide representation** from all four counties



# Session Itinerary



## Day 1 MPO Basics

July 21, 2023

### SCHEDULE

**10:00 AM**

Program Overview

**10:15 AM**

Welcome to SPA with  
Executive Director Josh Brown

**10:30 AM**

Staff Introductions

**10:45 AM**

Icebreakers

**11:30 AM**

Lunch

**12:15 PM**

Presentation: What is an MPO?

**1:00 PM**

Scavenger Hunt in Capitol Hill

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## Day 2 Transit

July 28, 2023

### SCHEDULE

**10:00 AM**

Introduction to Transit Planning

**10:30 AM**

Panel Discussion (Part One)

**11:30 AM**

Lunch

**12:15 PM**

Panel Discussion (Part Two)

**1:30 PM**

Colman Dock Tour

**2:00 PM**

King Street Station

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# Session Itinerary



## Day 3 Environment

August 4, 2023

### SCHEDULE

**10:00 AM**

Introduction to Environmental Planning

**10:15 AM**

Panel on Puget Sound Recovery

**11:00 AM**

Discussion & Activity

**11:30 AM**

Lunch

**12:15 PM**

Seattle Waterfront Tour

**1:30 PM**

Climate Change Panel

**2:15 PM**

Discussion & Activity

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## Day 4 Housing and Equity

August 11, 2023

### SCHEDULE

**10:00 AM**

Introduction to Housing & Equity

**10:40 AM**

Redlining Heritage Trail Tour

**12:30 PM**

Lunch

**1:15 PM**

Panel and Interactive Activity

**2:00 PM**

Closing Ceremony with Mayor Erickson

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# Changes for 2024

Program is shifting to two sessions per week on Wednesday and Friday.

Sessions will still be full-days (~10am-~3pm)

Schedule as follows:

- August 7-Intro to Planning
- August 9-Transportation
- August 14-Environmental
- August 16-Housing



# Changes for 2024



Equity in planning will be woven throughout the entire program.

Students will be required to complete a capstone at the end of the program.





# *Capstone Project-Community Profile*

Walking assessment of community

Research and data analysis from all topic areas covered in SPA

Policy recommendations for based on research and analysis



# Changes in Recruitment



2023 recruited high schools broadly across the region

Focused outreach to preexisting youth boards and councils

Many students in 2023 cohort already had background knowledge of planning



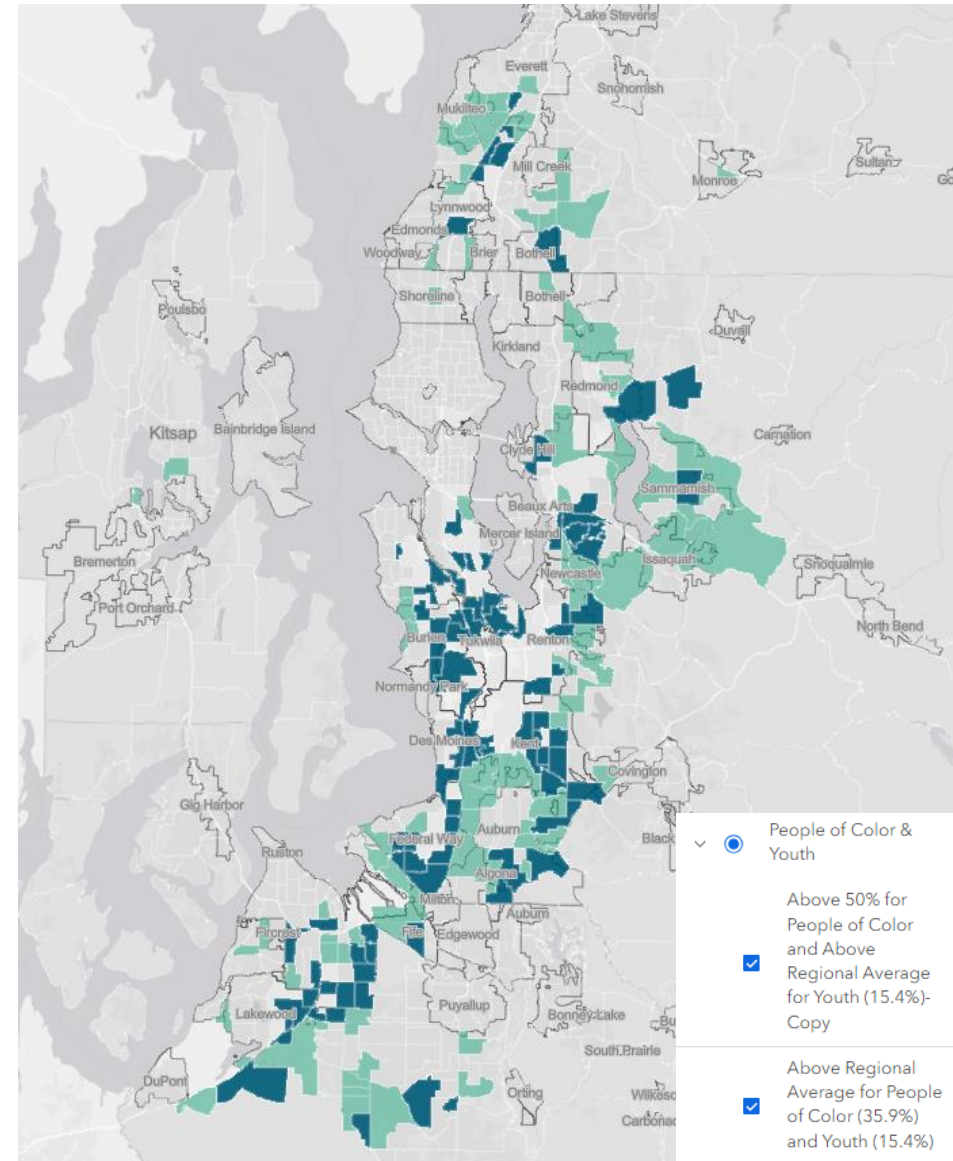


# Changes in Recruitment

2024 recruitment centers on Equity Focus Areas

Goal to open pathways to planning that don't already exist

Direct recruitment with EFA high schools



# Timeline

The application period for SPA is now open!

**May 15** Application deadline

**June 1** Notifications sent

**August 7** First day of SPA 2024





# Next Steps

- Scan QR code for more information and application





# ***Thank You!***

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# APA-WA Youth In Planning Task Force

We aim to:

- Raise youth awareness of the importance of their voice in forming our future,
- Encourage youth to consider planning as a profession, and
- Provide resources for teachers, planners, and public officials to engage youth in planning processes

Visit [washington-apa.org/youth-in-planning](https://washington-apa.org/youth-in-planning)

# Resources for youth engagement

**WASHINGTON, BY AND BY**  
A COMMUNITY PLANNING GRAPHIC NOVEL

BY GABRIELLE LYON  
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Legend:  
 ● homes  
 ● places  
 — bus route  
 — train route

Locations marked on the map:  
 Ben's home Redmond  
 Cricket's home Chelan  
 Daniel's home Tukwila  
 Jenna's home Yakima  
 Ellensburg  
 Olympia  
 Seattle  
 Jamestown S'kllam Tribal Lands

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IT IS SUMMER. TEENS FROM AROUND THE STATE ARE HEADING TO OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, FOR A SUMMER PROGRAM ABOUT COMMUNITY PLANNING AND HOUSING. AS THE PROGRAM UNFOLDS, CRICKET, JENNA, DANIEL AND BEN ARE FORCED TO CONFRONT THE INTERSECTIONS OF POWER, DEVELOPMENT AND DISPLACEMENT IN THEIR LIVES AND IN THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM.

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**COMIC PANELS:**

- Panel 1 (Top Left):** A man sits on a couch. A speech bubble lists: "GMA = Growth Management Act", "44 goals to minimize - regional, transport, housing, transit, economic development, affordable housing, property rights, open space, PLANNING at COMMUNITY LEVEL".
- Panel 2 (Top Right):** A woman says, "I NEVER REALIZED EVERYTHING IS PLANNED. EVEN WHERE MY FARM IS ALLOWED TO BE." Another woman replies, "IT MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO BUILD ANYTHING NEW!" A third woman says, "BE REALISTIC. PEOPLE HAVE TO HAVE SOMEPLACE TO LIVE."
- Panel 3 (Middle Left):** A presentation slide titled "RURAL" and "URBAN" shows a bar chart. A speaker says, "TAAS GREEN BUILDING TECH & ENERGY", "COST \$300K/RSU!", "DADU'S = RACHED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS", "FOR: YOUNG PEOPLE, SINGLES, OLDER ADULTS".
- Panel 4 (Middle Right):** A woman asks, "IS THERE A PUBLIC PROCESS? THEY SAY SO, BUT HOW DOES ANYONE EVER HEAR ABOUT IT?" Another woman replies, "I WONDER IF A GOOD ALGORITHM COULD PREDICT WHERE TO PUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING." A third woman says, "PEOPLE KNOW WHERE IT'S NEEDED. SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH UNITS." A fourth woman replies, "UNITS. YOU SOUND LIKE NIKKI." A speech bubble says "MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING" with a diagram of a house.
- Panel 5 (Bottom Left):** A woman says, "REALLY??"
- Panel 6 (Bottom Middle):** A woman says, "YOU'RE SUCH A NERD, JENNA." A speech bubble says "Housing is a HUMAN RIGHT!" with a house icon. Below it: "Housing is affordable IF <= 30% of household budget", "Tenants have rights!"
- Panel 7 (Bottom Right):** A speech bubble says "PAST INFO RMS THE PRESENT" with a diagram of a house and the text "TRIBAL PLANNING HISTOR".



# Connecting planners and educators



# Connect with us!

- Visit [washington-apa.org/youth-in-planning](http://washington-apa.org/youth-in-planning) for ideas, resources, and examples of youth engagement activities across the state
- Join our monthly Zoom meetings:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 11am-12pm

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