



YOUTH EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE
2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN KING COUNTY SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND TIME IN NATURE!

Fun

We want all our participants to look back on trips and remember good times, whether it's making new friends around a fire, reaching a peak, or trying a new activity.

Equity

We embrace differences, recognize the unique needs of individuals, and adjust our actions to meet those needs.

Respect

We value listening, honesty, and empathy, and we focus on treating others and the environment how we want to be treated.

Sense of Place

We invite our students to understand and steward our natural world and our public lands.

Flexibility

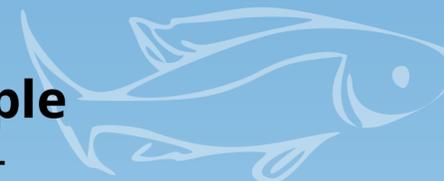
We embrace flexibility on trips, when working with community partners, and when supporting students and their families.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We know that time in nature can transform a young person's life. Outdoor adventure can be the catalyst to developing grit, leadership and communication skills to take on life's challenges. It can connect people to the ecological cycles of the planet, thus strengthening ones environmental ethic, and it can build community and time for reflection, taking care of our mental health alongside physical health. With the help of our volunteers, staff and community partners, we have brought more of these experiences to the young people in South King County.

I'm humbled by all the time and effort it took to help young people to go mountain biking for the first time, enjoy the Salish Sea in kayaks, to snowshoe in the Cascade Mountains, camp under the stars, and to meet after school to plan their next adventure. There is much to be proud of from this last year and to be excited about as we look toward the future. **Together, we can build the capacity to grow our programs to bring these opportunities to more young people than ever before.** Thank you for taking the time to read about our year and celebrate the trails taken.

David Dunphy



YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2021-2022, thank to more volunteers, community support, new outdoor equipment, and staff capacity we nearly doubled the number of trips and students on adventures, as well as offered more school-based programs than ever before.

HIGHLIGHTS



2 WEEKLY SCHOOL LOCATIONS



NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE FLEET



Y.E.T.I. CHARITY SKI



NEW KAYAK FLEET

ACTIVITIES

59 Outdoor Adventures

412 Student Days

631 On-Campus Days



Hiking



Climbing



Kayaking



Biking



Backpacking



Camping



Fishing

OUR FUTURE

As we build on our success we will focus our impact through three Impact pillars .

Recreation Programs Expansion

Consistently provide accessible weekend Recreation Programs to students throughout King County that give them the opportunity to explore and connect to their public lands in new ways.

School Based Outdoor Clubs

Build a strong network of school and community center Outdoor Clubs to promote adventure and student development through youth-led programs.

Collaboration

Leverage our resources to support and build capacity with other youth-serving organizations. Engage in coalition and work groups that address systemic barriers to outdoor recreation that our students face.

IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Whether it's in the classroom or an after-school club, Y.E.T.I. works with students and educators to bring outdoor opportunities into the lives of young people.

BIG PICTURE SCHOOL

This year our friends at Grayl sponsored our Outdoor Seminar at Big Picture Middle and High School. In the 6-8 week seminar, students had the opportunity to sign up for three different seminars including hiking, mountain biking or climbing. Each seminar began with learning the basics at school, followed up by an off campus series of field trips.



Biking Seminar



Team Building



Climbing Seminar

HIGHLINE HIGH SCHOOL

Highline High School students adventured outdoor in many different ways last year.



OUTDOOR CLUBS

Outdoor Club met after school to plan and go on adventures including hikes, rock climbing, kayaking and much more.

Outdoor Clubs allow students to plan outdoor adventures making time in nature a part of everyday life.

Y.E.T.I. TRIP FIDELITY MARKERS

Did the participants have fun?

Was there self-directed time outdoors?

Was there an opportunity for adventure?

Were students partners in crafting their experience?



ASB Retreats

ASB students went backpacking, camping, and kayaking as part of their leadership development with Y.E.T.I. this year.

English Language Learners

The ELL class hikes, snowshoes, and mountain biked! Their teacher even incorporated Y.E.T.I. adventures into her graduate program research.

Environmental Club

The Environmental Club took a snowshoe trip at Snoqualmie Pass to learn about wildlife connectivity, hosted a winter film screening with the Outdoor Club, and is working on a backpacking trip this August.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



Fish Club

Through our partnership with Phenomenal She, Game of Life, and Long Live the Kings, we offer monthly BIPOC Outdoor Clubs that began with fishing and has expanded to hiking, climbing, and more!



WA- Recreate Responsible Coalition

Y.E.T.I. is an active member in this interagency collaboration to promote outdoor access. This fall, we assisted in hosting a youth panel for young people from different member organizations and took students on a hike to the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River.



Girl Scouts

We worked with local Girl Scouts to provide several outdoor trips that included enjoying the fall colors at Twin Falls State Park.

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PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



Partners In Employment

While working with PIE, not only did young people learn employment skills by working to restore local parks, they also enjoy the parks biking and kayaking trips!



Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

Working with the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, we incorporated a set of mountain bikes that will be used as learning tools in youth programs across the Puget Sound.



Seattle Housing Authority

We worked with the Seattle Housing Authority to pilot a program empowering young people to enjoy hiking. We look forward to more of these trips soon!

RECREATION

This year we worked to have a monthly open enrollment trip, mid-winter break and spring break programming, as well as a summer full of ADVENTURE.

OUTDOORS FOR ALL



FREE OR PAY WHAT YOU CAN

Financial means will not prevent participation.



TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, EQUIPMENT

All trips include transportation, food, and equipment so that every student can be successful on their Y.E.T.I. adventure.



QUALITY INSTRUCTION

Our staff and volunteers work alongside community partners and students to ensure they have access to quality instruction, with risk management a priority on all adventures.

RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

MENTAL HEALTH!

Our open enrollment programs provide opportunities for young people to disconnect from technology and reconnect with each other and the natural world. Over the last year we have focused on bringing more programs to local parks, and incorporating mindfulness, art, yoga, and other activities in addition to adventure sports.



SCHOOL BREAK!

This year we maximized Mid-Winter and Spring Breaks as opportunities to get off the couch and onto the trails. This included overnight programs with student cohorts as well as day trips like snowshoeing, mountain biking, rock climbing, hiking, kayaking, and more!



SUMMER FUN!

During Summer 2021, we offered several weeks of programming including overnight backpacking trips and a day-trip series encompassing hiking, climbing, and kayaking. Looking ahead, we will continue to use the summer vacation as a time to allow students to bring longer adventures to life!



TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

Over the last year, we built the infrastructure to serve more students. We launched a new website, grew our staff and volunteer team, and increased our equipment and trip offerings. We built a strong relationship with the Highline School District that included storage support for Y.E.T.I. resources.

NEW GEAR!



Bike Fleet

Our new mountain bike fleet of 18 fits all sizes of riders! They are stored in a trailer and easy to bring to the students!



Kayak Fleet

Thanks to a No Child Left Inside Grant, our new 12 boat kayak fleet is connecting young people to the Salish Sea and inland waters of the Pacific Northwest.



Overnight Gear

Thanks to REI and others, we added backpacks, stoves, tents to the gear locker, making overnight programs easier than ever!

OUR TEAM

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT GO!



60 + Volunteers

10 + Training Events

40 + Trips Made Possible

What our volunteers have been up to this year:

- Leading weekend trips
- Supporting weekly school programs
- Participating in fundraising events
- Management and repair of gear
- And SO MUCH MORE!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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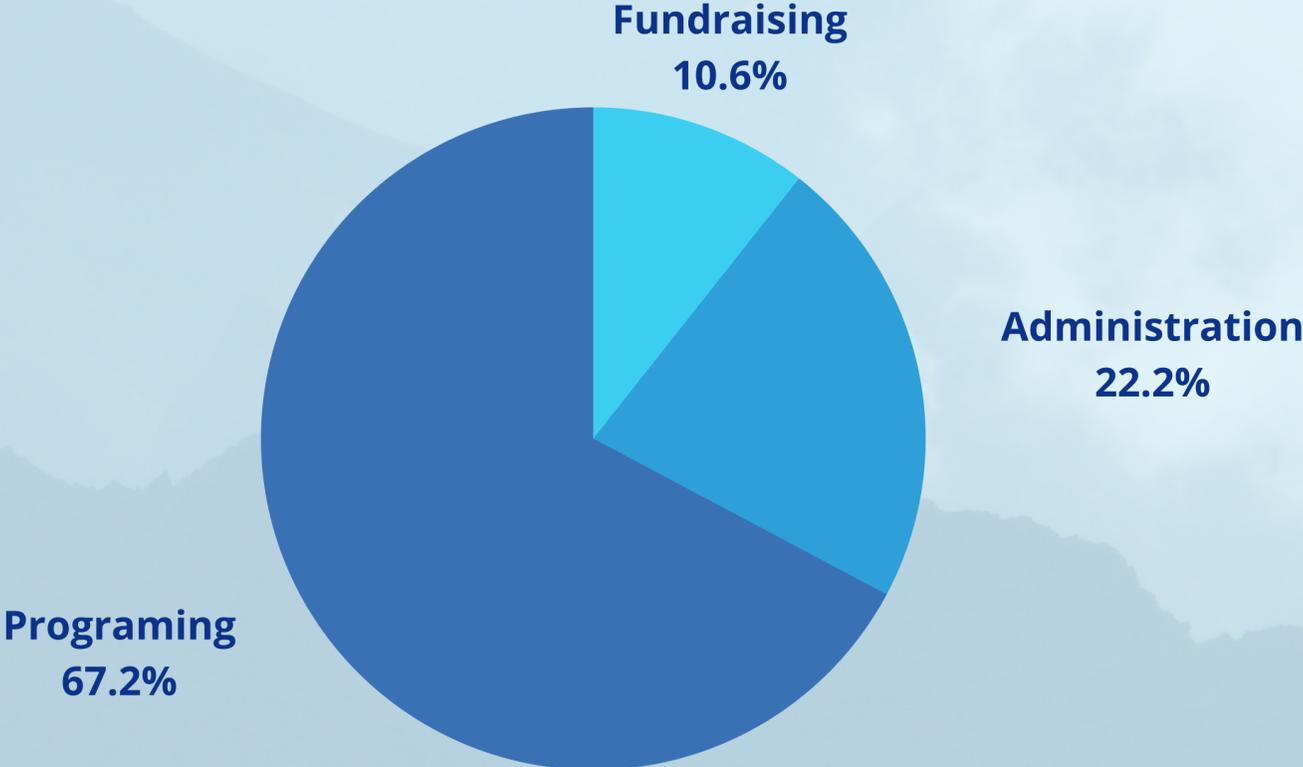
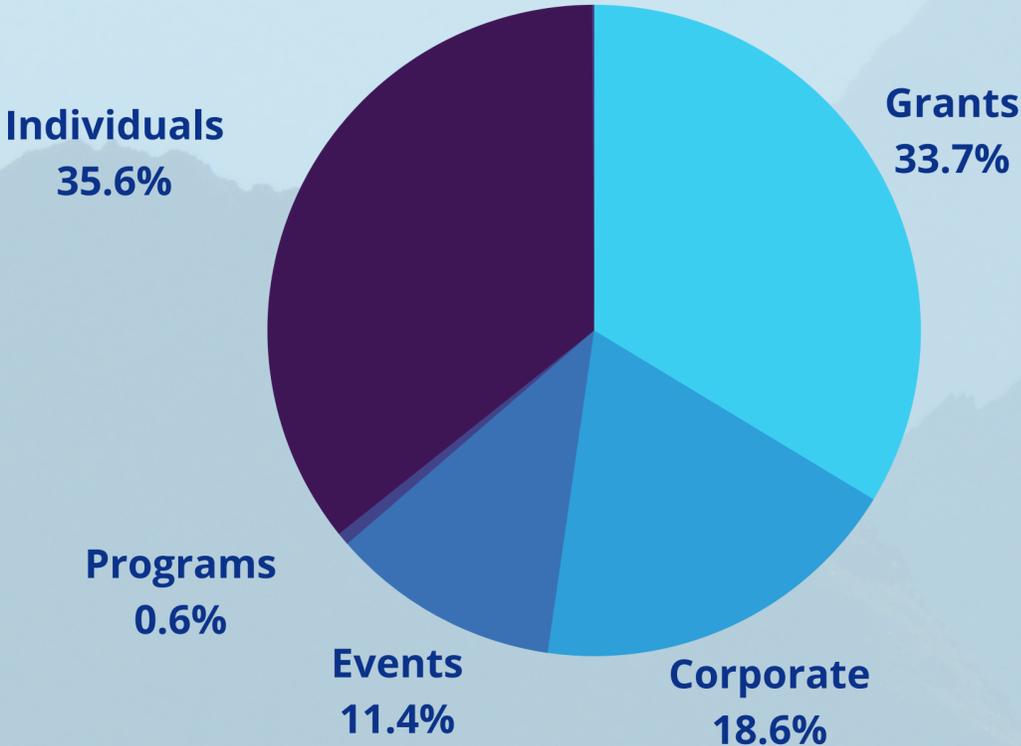
FUNDING OUR WORK

TOTAL REVENUE: \$257,922

- Individuals: \$91,918
- Grants: \$86,872
- Corporate: \$47,977
- Events: \$29,290
- Programs: \$1,637
- Other: \$250

TOTAL EXPENSES : \$221,699

- Programing: \$122,920
- Administration: \$40,547
- Corporate: \$47,977



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Betsy & Andy Boyer
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Evergreen MBA (NCLI)
South King County Fire and Rescue
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Fishdog Foundation
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