

The Youngstown Programming Committee:

Formed in 2007, the mission of the Youngstown Programming Committee (YPC) is to empower youth with the resources, mentorship and skills necessary to be leaders in building a more creative community. Through an application process, twelve youth are selected each year, committing to membership in a leadership group of interns, forming the YPC. The YPC meets weekly to plan/ approve, execute and evaluate events and programs at Youngstown. Through workshops, trainings and sharing the decision-making process YPC members gain skills in communication, facilitation, community building, event planning, networking, fundraising, marketing, and identifying and actively undoing institutionalized oppression. This process of amplifying youth voice and agency directly contributes to more efficient and equitable programming at Youngstown. Youth also meet service-learning hours required by several Washington school districts, with access to resources for tutoring, jobs and independent living skills. The members of the Youngstown Programming Committee not only participate in the ALL ACCESS classes, but also approve the new classes or programs proposed by “community partners” who can range from agencies, to individual artists, to other youth.