

# Climate Justice

## Climate Resilient Cohort Project Highlights



I am delighted to present highlights summarizing the six-month Climate Resilient Cohort Program. This Program (Climate Resilient Cohort) seeks to provide a wide range of exploration and advocacy skill building related to navigating public comment opportunities and subsequent coaching on topics or policy related to climate resilience.

Over the past six months, the Climate Resilient Cohort Program has offered a diverse range of topics, inviting guest speakers and experts to share their knowledge and experiences. We covered various areas such as comment writing, environmental justice, testimony creation, public policy on climate change, and climate-resilient districts. Through these sessions, we aimed to broaden the understanding of the participants on climate-related challenges and provide them with the skills to develop effective solutions.

One of the program's key strengths was the opportunity for collaboration and delegation. We encouraged participants to work in teams, enabling them to gain different perspectives and enhance their problem-solving abilities. This collaborative approach promotes creativity, innovation, and a deeper appreciation for the diverse range of talents within the cohort.

Throughout the program, participants engaged in interactive workshops and discussions led by esteemed guest speakers. These experts provided valuable insights into pressing environmental issues, enabling participants to develop a deeper understanding of the challenges associated with climate change. The sessions were designed to encourage critical thinking, foster dialogue, and inspire innovative approaches to address climate-related issues. By exploring various topics, participants gained a holistic view of the complex nature of climate resilience and the interconnectedness of environmental, social, and economic factors.

One of the program's highlights was the group project component, where participants worked in teams to develop and implement climate resilience initiatives. This experience provided an opportunity for participants to apply the knowledge and skills gained throughout the program. Participants were truly impressed with the outcomes of their projects, showcasing their commitment and dedication to creating tangible solutions for their communities.

From the survey we sent out to participants for feedback, we had the opportunity to hear from them directly. One participant shared, "It was very good, delegating allowed us to do it, and we got different perspectives." This comment highlights the value of teamwork and the benefits of delegating tasks. It demonstrates the power of collective intelligence, where diverse viewpoints lead to more comprehensive and effective outcomes.

Another participant expressed their enthusiasm, stating, "It was really fun to work with my peers, and I was really impressed with what we created for our project." This feedback reflects the positive and engaging nature of the program. It is heartening to see participants not only enjoying their experience but also recognizing the remarkable outcomes achieved through collaboration and hard work.

The program's completion was marked by a memorable graduation ceremony and dinner, where participants were honored and presented with certificates of completion. This event provided an opportunity to celebrate their dedication, commitment, and achievements throughout the program. It was a moment of pride for all involved, as we witnessed the growth and transformation of each participant into a climate-resilient advocate.

## Duwamish Valley Climate Resilience Needs Assessment -

In partnership with the University of Washington , state and local governments, DRCC and community developed a

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