



# Youth Council Update and Approval of the 2026 Youth Council Work plan

# Mission, Values, Purpose

## OYC Mission Statement

***The Olympia Youth Council amplifies and elevates youth voices in City governance, and expands youth involvement in the community.***

## OYC Purpose Statement

***We connect, represent, and give voice to the diverse groups of youth in Olympia.***

## OYC Vision Statement

***We envision an Olympia that is accessible, equitable, inclusive, safe, and engaging for everyone in the community.***

# Youth Council First Year Accomplishments

- January 15, 2025 – First meeting of the seated Youth Council
- Developed first work plan
- Shared feedback on five chapters of the Comprehensive Plan
- First joint meeting of the Lacey Youth Council
- Began planning for joint 2026 Youth Summit
- Created a PSA related to Narcan and overdose
- Planned and held a recruitment event
- Featured on Actually, Olympia Podcast
- Onboarded new members

# Youth Council First Year Accomplishments

Joint meetings of the Lacey Youth Council



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Created a PSA  
related to Narcan  
and overdose



A message from your  
Olympia Youth Council



# Youth Council First Year Accomplishments

Planned and held a recruitment event

The flyer is a 2x2 grid of colored boxes. Top-left: Red box with the Olympia logo (a white silhouette of the state of Washington with a star above it) and the word "Olympia" below. Top-right: Green box with "YOUTH SOCIAL" in large yellow letters and "HOSTED BY THE OLYMPIA YOUTH COUNCIL" in smaller yellow letters below. Bottom-left: Dark blue box with white text: "Join us for games, activities, ice cream, and to learn more about the Olympia Youth Council". Bottom-right: Dark blue box with white text: "MAY 17 1 - 3 PM". Below the top-left box is a dark blue box with white text: "Join us for games, activities, ice cream, and to learn more about the Olympia Youth Council". Below the top-right box is a red box with an illustration of four diverse people talking, with speech bubbles above them. Below the bottom-left box is a green box with yellow text: "OLYMPIA CITY HALL" and "601 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue East Downtown Olympia" below. Below the bottom-right box is a red box with white text: "FOR MORE INFORMATION" and a QR code below.

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OLYMPIA YOUTH COUNCIL

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Downtown Olympia

FOR MORE INFORMATION



# Youth Council First Year Accomplishments

Featured on Actually, Olympia podcast



# 2026 Leadership Positions

- Nolan O'Connell, Co-Chair
- Donovan Jojola, Co-Chair
- Sophia Park, Secretary
- Addy Pitman, Treasurer
- Shruthi Lingam-Nattamai, Co-Vice Chair, Policy Subcommittee
- Amelia Eslinger, Co-Vice Chair, Policy Subcommittee
- Varshana Horback, Vice Chair, Communications
- Kaelyn Velazquez, Vice Chair, Outreach

# Proposed Work Plan

## **February 18 – Business Meeting**

- Intercity Transit briefing on changes to the bus system
- Transit PSA Development Discussion

## **March 18 – Business Meeting**

- Olympia Sanctuary City and Public Safety Briefing
- Transit PSA Development Check-in
- Youth Summit Planning

## **April 15 – Business Meeting**

- Youth Engagement: Communicating Public Policy to Youth Discussion
- Youth Summit Planning
- Transit PSA Development Check-in

## **May TBD - YOUTH SUMMIT**

## **May 20 – Business Meeting**

- Mental Health Resources for Youth Briefing
- Youth Summit Debrief
- Recruitment Check-in

## **June – No Business Meeting**

## **July – No Business Meeting**

## **August 19 - Business Meeting**

- Olympia Climate Programs Briefing
- Third Places for Youth Discussion
- 2026 Work Plan Discussion

## **September 19 – Business Meeting**

- Welcome New Members/Team Building
- 2026 Work Plan Discussion

## **October 14 – Business Meeting - 207**

- Year Accomplishments Overview/Celebration
- 2026 Work Plan Discussion

## **November – No Meeting**

## **December – No Meeting**

# Motion

- Move to approve the 2026 Youth Council Work Plan.



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Thank you!