NATIONAL YOUTH TRANSPORTATION EQUITY FELLOWSHIP

Immersing BIPOC youth leaders in a 10-month educational and community engagement experience addressing transportation inequities in their local communities

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KEY FELLOWSHIP OUTCOMES

- Over 120 applications from across the country
- Equipped 8 BIPOC youth throughout a 10-month fellowship program
- Bi-weekly cohort-Learning discussions featuring guest lectures
- 480 hours in technical assistance/mentorship to fellows
- $31,000 in living wage stipends distributed
- 62 hyperlocal partnerships developed across the country
- 8 hyperlocal interventions developing, with a 43,000 reach to date
KEY TOPICS

- EQUITY-CENTERED COMMUNITY DESIGN, ENGAGEMENT AND FEEDBACK
- HISTORY OF U.S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PERPETUATING INEQUITIES
- DEVELOPING BIPOC LEADERSHIP IN TRANSPORTATION EQUITY
- HARNESSING DIGITAL STORYTELLING
- THE GOOD, UNSURE & BAD IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

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FEATURED INTERVENTIONS

ALL INTERVENTIONS INCORPORATED EQUITY-CENTERED COMMUNITY DESIGN, ENGAGEMENT & FEEDBACK
NYTEF: CALAH GIBSON’S INTERVENTION

A We Walk Memphis Mobility Justice Project shifting power to marginalized youth to advocate for multimodal transportation through a ZINE development, youth activities, and mobility justice workshops
NYTEF:
FATIMA ELKOTT’S INTERVENTION

A Youth-Centered, Collaborative, and Creative Approach to Celebrate, Connect, and Champion Community
WHY A FASHION WEEK?

Community-Driven Initiative
Started from active involvement in local creative community
Listening to and centering youth led to the desire to use fashion and art as a medium of building community

Natural Collaboration
Grassroots approach promotes a sense of ongoing ownership and belonging
Youth-Led storytelling emerged as a tool

Authentic and Inclusive
Community-rooted atmosphere fostered rapid connection and collaboration.
Genuine conversations around transportation safety and equity
When youth are given a platform, their leadership can create positive ripple effects throughout the community—Sparkling collaboration and innovative solutions.

TCFW's success showcases the positive impacts of Allowing Youth to Lead.
INNOVATIVE COMMUNICATION THROUGH ART

This youth leadership embraced innovative communication methods, using art and creativity to tell powerful stories.

Our social media campaigns promote transportation equity and safety, focusing on the use of public transit, walking, biking, and other sustainable modes of transportation.
These campaigns focus on creating content in ways that resonate with youth and allow for creative expression. This approach is necessary when creating the cultural shift necessary for safer transportation practices for all.
FELLOWSHIP NEXT STEPS

SHIFTING POWER TO BIPOC YOUTH FOR TRANSPORTATION EQUITY

01 Complete all hyperlocal interventions with an estimated 50K reach

02 Develop a comprehensive fellowship final report and roadmap

03 Launch 2024 expanded national fellowship in July 2024

04 Announce 20 selected BIPOC youth fellows at #NYTEC2024 in Denver, CO

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