



Climate Change Outreach Volunteer 2021

Seattle Subway Foundation is a grassroots, all-volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing high-quality rapid transit for Seattle and the Puget Sound on the fastest possible timeline. We envision a city and region that is fully connected by fast, reliable, and high capacity transit; where local travel via a complete, renewably-powered rapid transit system is the best option; and where everyone in Seattle has convenient access to one of America's foremost transit systems. We accelerate rapid transit investments by channeling grassroots support for fast, reliable mobility options that reduce car use into tangible accomplishments.

Seattle Subway Foundation is an educational foundation as defined under 26 U.S. Code §501(c)(3).

Position Title: Climate Change Activism & Outreach Volunteer (2-3 positions)

Key Relationships: Foundation's Board of Directors, including Outreach Director, Social Media Team, C.O.O. and Executive Director; MASS Coalition organizations

Location: Seattle, WA

Hours: Flexible; primarily weekends as academic or other commitments allow

Compensation: this position is an unpaid volunteer position with Seattle Subway Foundation, a 100% all-volunteer organization. However, Seattle Subway Foundation does sponsor student internships for course credit where allowable by the institution. Students are solely responsible for approval of course credit with their institution and no offer of employment is available upon completion of a student internship for course credit.

Tangible Benefits: none

Intangible Benefits: Support from Board of Directors in career development; exposure to educational opportunities and real world experience in educational outreach for planning, climate change activism, and grassroots mobilization; networking with prominent MASS Coalition organizations.

Application instructions: Please submit a written summary of experience in nonprofit/community outreach or voter mobilization to volunteer@seattlesubway.org. Resumes are encouraged, but not required.

Position:

This is an exciting opportunity to lower CO2 and greenhouse gas emissions in Seattle. Over 60% of greenhouse emissions in Seattle come from gasoline-powered combustion engines,

both from automobiles and freight. Seattle Subway envisions a future Seattle where owning a car is entirely unnecessary and, quite frankly, obsolete. Expanded, zero-emissions Link light rail service throughout the city has the potential to drastically further reduce our greenhouse gas emissions while improving the city's status as a national role model for sustainability. While area transit agencies deserve real credit for their increased investment in emissions-free light rail, we believe the expansion of Link light rail is too slow despite Link's obvious popularity and proven results in reducing emissions.

The Student Climate Change Activism & Outreach Volunteers will take advantage of the recent surge in youth climate change awareness and activism. This will involve developing relationships with local high school students and climate activism organizations such as the Sunrise Movement and the MASS Coalition. The Volunteers will work with these organizations to increase awareness among future voters of Link's environmental benefits and motivate them to support mass transit at the ballot box in future referendums and elections.

Core Responsibilities:

The Student Climate Change Activism & Outreach Volunteers will work closely with the Director of Outreach to contact, inform, and mobilize the youth of Seattle. The Volunteers will improve student awareness of Seattle's transit future and increase voter support for our ST4 Vision Map by educating their peers about the tangible results of mass transit advocacy.

Requirements:

Communicate clearly and effectively, with passion and enthusiasm.

Public speaking and willingness to engage with strangers.

Some experience managing volunteers, hosting events on Zoom and in person.

Fluency in the relationship between transit, climate change, gentrification, and racial justice, as well as the ability to speak fluently about these issues to the public.

Motivated to make steps toward a future, transit-accessible Seattle.

Ability to build and maintain relationships, and work well with other volunteers. Able to work effectively as a team player.

The Seattle Subway Foundation 501(c)(3) is an organization dedicated to supporting transit expansion in Seattle and throughout the Puget Sound. Seattle Subway Foundation will consider applicants for this position without regard to any category protected by applicable federal, state or local law, including but not limited to: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information, veteran status or uniformed service member status. Women, people of color, LGBTQ people, young people, and members of other historically disenfranchised populations are encouraged to apply.