



RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

Our Mission

The Race and Social Justice Community Roundtable is focused on eliminating racial inequity in our communities. To accomplish this, we recognize the necessity of institutions and community based organizations working in collaboration. Challenging the status quo and moving to equity will require a collective effort and vision. The Roundtable consists of 29 members from community organizations, government, social service agencies and philanthropy.

The Roundtable's race-specific approach to community building and policy development will:

- Implement innovative approaches that support and highlight existing racial equity work;
- Strengthen our relationships to the community and support a process of mutual accountability for ending racial inequity; and
- Deepen our insight into the root causes of poverty and racial inequity in Seattle/King County.

We work to eliminate race-based inequity in our community and promote race and social justice across Seattle/King County institutions.



Roundtable members Julie Nelson and Yvonne Redding-White discussing the Racial Equity Toolkit with community members.

Our Approach

- Develop a statewide legislative agenda for racial equity.
- Adopt and promote a Racial Equity Toolkit to assess budget, policies and practices.
- Promote collaborative strategies across institutions to end racial inequity in education, health, criminal justice, economics and the environment.

Roundtable Members

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Damon Shadid

Center For East African Community Affairs,
Habtamu Abdi, President/CEO

Child Care Resources,
Deeann Burtch Puffert, CEO

City of Seattle,
Julie Nelson, Office of Civil Rights Director

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Minority Executive Directors' Coalition,
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Gerald Hankerson, Vice President

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Barbara Fane, Director

OneAmerica,
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People's Institute NW,
Sarah Freeman

Pride Foundation,
Kris Hermans, Executive Director

Puget Sound Educational Service District,
John Welch, Superintendent

Seattle City Council,
Councilmember, Bruce Harrell

Seattle Education Association,
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Seattle Housing Authority,
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Seattle Indian Health Board,
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Seattle Public Schools,
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Solid Ground,
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United Indians of All Tribes,
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United Way of King County,
Sara Levin, Community Services Vice President

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