Membership Overview

How can an institution become a Place-Based Justice Network Member?

To become a member, institutions pay a $500 annual membership fee, agree to the Network’s purpose and values statements and submit information about their place-based efforts to appear on the Place-Based Justice Network website. Fees support the core administrative functions and staff of the Network and institutional outreach. See more information about the Place-Based Justice Network on our website: www.seattleu.edu/pbjn

Our Purpose:
We are a learning community committed to transforming higher education and our communities by deconstructing systems of oppression through place-based community engagement.

Our Values:

1) We are committed to an anti-oppression framework that recognizes intersectionality.

2) We pursue partnerships and initiatives that are long-term, reciprocal, and grounded in a deliberative process.

3) We emphasize actions that are defined by community-identified goals that foster self-determination.

4) We recognize that change occurs through continuous individual and collective learning and action.

5) We honor that this work involves openness, integrity and humility.
Benefits of Network Membership Include:

- Eligible to send one representative to the annual Place-Based Justice Leaders Retreat
- Full access to professional development Zoom calls
- Phone consultations with experienced place-based practitioners
- Participation in shared governance of the Network
- Put the values of the Network into action
- Contribute to the national movement of anti-oppression through place-based community engagement by putting the Network values into action.

Responsibilities of Member Institutions:

- Endorse and uphold the purpose and values of the Place-Based Justice Network
- Consider participation on one of the working committees:
  - Steering Committee
  - Continuous Learning Committee
  - Summer Institute Planning Committee
- Institutional representation at the Summer Institute
- Consider participation and facilitation of future continuous learning Zoom calls
- Consider hosting a future Leadership Retreat (December) or Summer Institute (June)
- Invite colleagues at institutions who are engaged or interested in Place-based Community Engagement to consider attending a Summer Institute or becoming a member institution
- Share resources including evaluation instruments, research papers, publications and other tools for distribution among Network members

What is Place-Based Community Engagement? We define place-based community engagement as “a long-term university-wide commitment to partner with local residents, organizations, and other leaders to focus equally on campus and community impact within a clearly defined geographic area” (Yamamura & Koth, 2018). Frequently place-based community engagement initiatives utilize the concept of collective impact (Kania and Kramer 2011) and draw upon frameworks of anti-racism and anti-oppression.

What is the Place-Based Justice Network? Over the past decade more and more institutions of higher education have begun to pursue a place-based community engagement strategy in order to further connect their campuses and communities. Recognizing the opportunity to learn from each other in order to advance their place-based strategies, in 2014, teams from 12 universities gathered at Seattle University for a two-day institute. Since the initial convening, teams from 25 universities have participated in three additional multi-day institutes organized by Seattle University and supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Individuals from these institutions have also participated in Zoom calls to continue to exchange ideas and learn from each other. In February 2018, leaders from several of these universities met to clarify the purpose and structure of what has become known as the Place-Based Justice Network. Our inaugural membership year welcomed 20 colleges and universities engaged in place-based community engagement during the 2018-19 academic year.
Membership Enrollment Information

Please fill out the following information online at: [https://tinyurl.com/PBJNenrollment](https://tinyurl.com/PBJNenrollment)

*Membership enrollment for the 2018-19 academic year is due by September 23, 2019. Payment must be received by October 15, 2019 to be eligible for participation in the PBJN Leadership Retreat.*

- Name of Institution (College/University):
- Name of Center/Department that coordinates place-based community engagement:
- Name of Lead Contact Person:
- Title of Lead Contact Person:
- Lead Contact Person E-mail:
- Phone Number:
- Mailing Address:

- Description of place-based community engagement (up to 150 words):

- Website:
- Social Media Links: *(Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn)*
- Please attach a logo to be displayed on website (.png file, high resolution preferred)
Payment
Please make out and mail a physical check of $500 annual membership fee to Seattle University. *Unfortunately we are not able to process electronic/online payments at this time.*

Please ensure payment is received by October 15, 2019. Memberships are eligible for annual renewal each summer.

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