Membership Overview

What is the Place-Based Justice Network?
Over the past decade more and more institutions of higher education have begun to pursue place-based community engagement as a strategy to further connect their campuses and communities. Focusing on a place-based community engagement strategy invites institutions of higher education and their communities into a deeper examination of how transformation and change occurs on campus and in communities. This exploration often leads to an analysis of how to address historic and current systems that disenfranchise people based upon race, gender, class, national origin and many other personal and communal identifiers. The Place-Based Justice Network (PBJN) is a learning community committed to transforming higher education and our communities by deconstructing systems of oppression through place-based community engagement.

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 does the PBJN offer?
The PBJN is volunteer-run by college and university practitioners of place-based community engagement. The Network hosts an annual Leadership Retreat each December, regular online meetings and webinars via Zoom and an annual Summer Institute which welcomes practitioners, university staff and community partners to gather at a host institution. The Network is administered by staff at Seattle University’s Center for Community Engagement and led by a Steering Committee of leaders in the field. We distribute a monthly newsletter to over 350 contacts – to add yourself or colleagues, please contact Erin Burrows, burrower@seattleu.edu. Check out our group on LinkedIn to connect with other professionals committed to place-based justice.

Center for Community Engagement
How can an institution become a PBJN 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.

To enroll your institution, please see the questions in this overview and submit your responses in this online survey.

See more information about the Place-Based Justice Network on our website: www.seattleu.edu/pbjn

Benefits of Network Membership Include:

- Eligible to send one representative to the annual Place-Based Justice Leaders Retreat (held each December)
- Discounted registration fees for the annual PBJN Summer Institute
- 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
    - Influencing the Field
    - Sustainability
    - Next Generations Fellowship Leads
- Continuous Learning Committee
- Leadership Retreat Planning 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

**Membership Enrollment Information**

Membership enrollment for the academic year is accepted on a rolling basis. Please submit your responses to the questions below via this [online survey](#).

All memberships are available for renewal following the annual Summer Institute.

- 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.*

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