

THE WASHINGTON BUS

MID YEAR REPORT
2020

Fellows, Staff, and Volunteers,
all staying connected via Zoom



Dear Washington Bus Family and Friends,

At the beginning of 2020 we set out to continue being the political home for young people and investing in BIPoC, low-income, LGBTQIA+, immigrant and other historically disenfranchised young leaders. Our priorities included strengthening our year-round voter education, developing lifelong civic leaders, and increasing our digital organizing efforts.

In this report, you'll see how much we've increased our outreach and strengthened our impact this year. We have already surpassed our 2019 volunteer engagement numbers and are on track to double those numbers by the end of 2020. In the March Presidential Primary, young people ages 18-35 voted at a rate two times higher than they did in 2019. We anticipate the rest of the 2020 elections to be no different.

The work of the Washington Bus is more critical than ever. We all have a role in building a more accessible, equitable, and representative Washington State. We hope you hop on our bus (yes, pun intended), on the road to shaping the most important election of our lifetime. We will keep on winning.

Cinthia Illan Vazquez
Co-Executive Director for Policy and Program



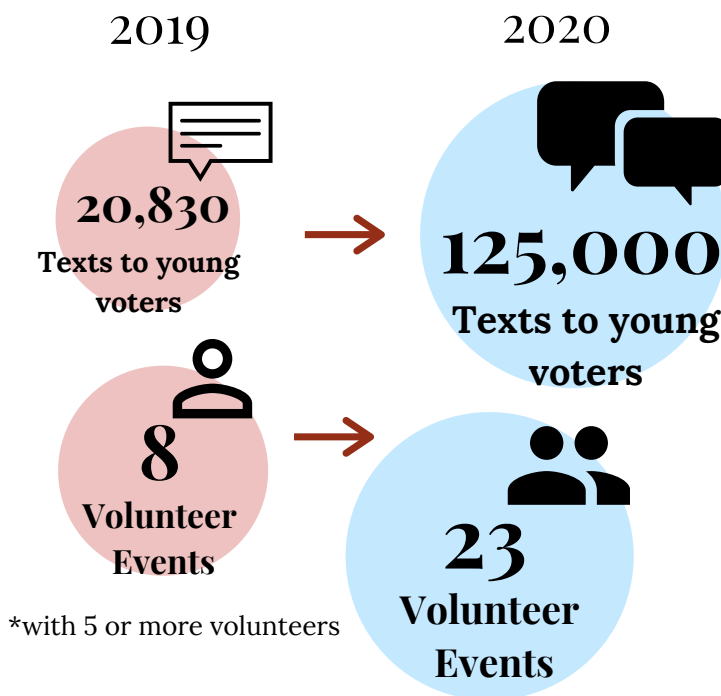
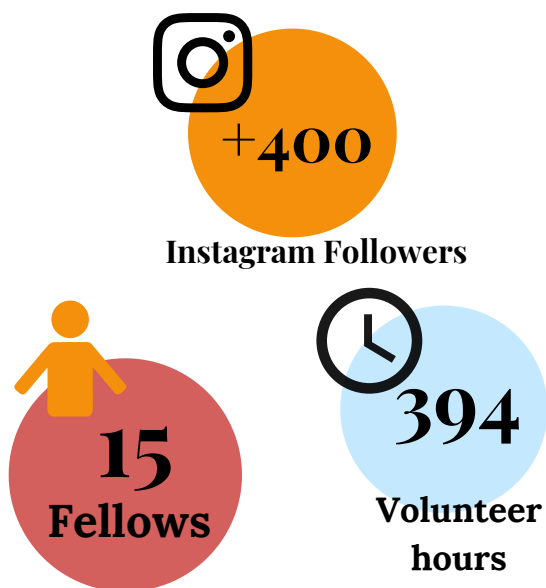
BUS BY THE NUMBERS

What has the Bus been up to so far this year?

- ✓ Making sure young people complete the Census
- ✓ Moving into a new office (Cap Hill, anyone?)
- ✓ Keeping our office open for protesters at the CHOP during BLM protests
- ✓ Launching our first ever Digital Organizing Fellowship
- ✓ Our first ever online Bus Bash
- ✓ Getting out the Vote for the August Primary

We've expanded our GOTV and advocacy efforts exponentially this year.
Stay tuned for more as we gear up for election season.

The Bus is people powered. We're on track to **double our outreach** this year!



213 volunteers recruited so far in 2020



The median age of a Bus volunteer is 23

HOW ARE WE SHIFTING OUR PROGRAMMING?

The Bus has been shifting our work to directly support our community during this time. We kept our office open to support protesters during the BLM protests on Capitol Hill. We were honored to be able to give a small economic boost to five local artists through our **Art as Activism Relief Fund**.

The Washington Bus proudly stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.



See our statement on demilitarizing and defunding the police on our blog. We're committed to supporting Black-led efforts to end police violence in WA.



Taylor's Wang's work focuses on increasing equity in art spaces and inverting traditional expectations of young artists. She is a rising senior in high school.

Find her work on Instagram @yingshiart.

Our First Ever Digital Fellowship

We've launched our first ever #helladigital Fellowship, focused on mobilizing young people on issues they care about through digital events and social media. Keep a lookout for the Fellowship Youth Policy Report, focusing on **Climate Justice**, **Criminal Justice**, and **Housing for All**.

GOTV

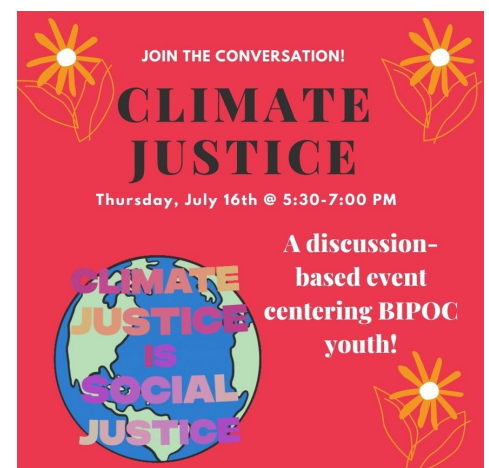
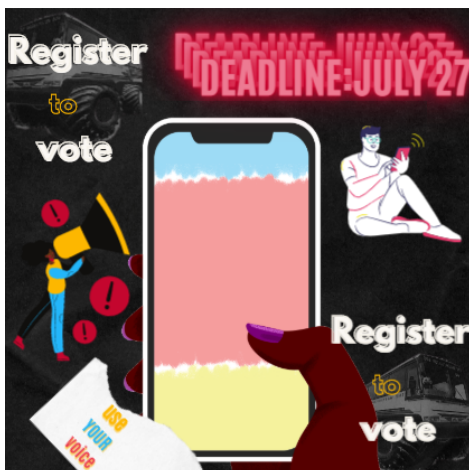
The Bus endorsed five candidates in the primary. All of them made it through to the general election. We held seven GOTV events, sending **63,150 texts** and making **1,650 calls** with the help of **82 volunteer shifts**.



Fellows facilitated digital **Peer Listening Sessions** to hear from young people on the change they want to see on urgent issues in Washington State.



Voter registration graphics made by Fellows reached over **49k individuals** through social media.



What are Bus Staff excited for as we move into the November Election Season? 🚌 ❤️



"Having more conversations with young people to connect their life experiences with the importance of building youth power in their communities."

Mo, High School Engagement and Leadership Development Coordinator

"I'm pumped to help young volunteers and activists send 100k GOTV reminders ahead of the 2020 elections."

Danny, Field Director



"Making activism and politics accessible to young folx as we head into the most important election of our lifetimes."

Libby, Colleges and Community Engagement Coordinator

"Digitally organizing to amplify youth turnout."

Leila, Field Organizer



"Continuing to build the political power of young people."

Cinthia, Co-Executive Director for Policy and Program



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