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CONNECT COLLABORATE TAKE ACTION

YTECH 2010
ANNUAL REPORT

YTECH @ THE METROCENTER YMCA

To advance digital inclusion and youth community engagement by providing access to technology, relevant skills-based curriculum and training; as well as opportunities to connect, collaborate and take action!

423
people
served

39
literacy
workshops

494
events
on PSO

54
youth
interns

3000
PSO
members

30K
PSO
visits /
quarter

UP NEXT IN 2011...

- Expansion to South King County and Eastside YMCA communities through the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program funding
- Integration of mobile technology programs
- Social cause-based curriculum expansion



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Everyone is welcome. Financial assistance is available.
The YMCA of Greater Seattle strengthens communities in King and south Snohomish counties through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

CONNECT

Puget SoundOff connects Puget Sound youth. We partnered with Seattle Councilmember Mike O'Brien's to host a Human Rights Day banner design contest. PSO received 54 entries in all, from as far away as Sequim, Washington. On the other side of our region, the 60 sophomores in a one-to-one laptop school at Tahoma High in Maple Valley used PSO as a reflection and collaboration tool.

COLLABORATE

We work with community leaders to provide relevant training experiences for our youth. With Seattle Youth Employment Program, YWCA GirlsFirst, Youth Media Institute and King County Work Training Program, YTECH provided 54 young people with paid technology training internships in 2010.

TAKE ACTION

We encourage young people to take action in our communities. Seven young people from across the region participated in our first cause curriculum. They learned skills in technology and social media to create a peer-to-peer online and grassroots campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

Students really enjoyed those times when PSO users outside our classroom commented on their posts -- it validated and challenged their thinking.



BRETT THOMPSON
SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER & PSO USER
TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL

I learned how to use social media, video and photography to make real changes in my community.



LUWAM NUGUSE
TEENS AGAINST DISTRACTED DRIVING



REY MARTINEZ
GRAPHIC DESIGN INTERN
Seattle Youth Employment Program

Puget SoundOff pushed me in the right direction. The internship helped me realize that I can actually use my skills and use my art in the graphic design field.